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Pattern Recognition: II. RAMP and REST

Two Image Analysis Programs

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ABSTRACT

This report presents detailed descriptions of two basic computer programs for the analysis of the connectivities and shapes of regions in digitized images. The application of these programs to the analysis of TIROS cloud cover pictures and outline maps made from such pictures is also briefly described.

The programs are written in FAP. They have been extensively tested on the 7090.

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1. Introduction

Computer programs for processing pictorial information have received some attention in recent years. However, research in this field has tended to be concentrated in specific areas, among them

- (a) Development of algorithms for "local" processing of two-dimensional data arrays, with application to "smoothing" or otherwise simplifying given pictorial information (Dimeen 1955, Kirsch 1957, Unger 1958, Narasimhan 1964)
- (b) Development of techniques for processing pictures which consist of discrete, well-defined parts in given topological and metric relationships (Freeman 1961, Hodes 1961, Sutherland 1963, Kirsch 1964)

This report describes two computer programs designed as basic tools for analyzing the sizes and shapes of connected regions in an image defined by those image points having a given range of brightness (or density) values. These programs represent one approach to bridging the gap in digital picture processing research between local processing on the one hand and the processing of pictures consisting of discrete parts on the other.

The first of these programs, called the Region Area Measurement Program (RAMP), identifies, computes the area of, and displays connected regions on a given set of digitized pictures input from magnetic tape.

As a by-product it also produces from the line-by-line, element-by-element digital representation of the pictures a condensed representation on magnetic tape in terms of the picture-element intervals belonging to each region on succeeding lines. Each interval is tagged by a number uniquely identifying the region of which it is a part. This tape is thus a reconstructible condensation of the information displayed (printed out) by RAMP. It may be used as input to other image analysis programs, for example the second program described in this report.

The second program, called the Region-Enclosed Square Tabulator (REST), produces from this interval representation of a picture a frequency distribution of the squares of all possible sizes enclosed within each region. Two square types are distinguished: these which touch a region boundary ("exterior" squares) and these which do not ("interior" squares).

RAMP and REST have been developed as general-purpose tools for analyzing the connected regions on any image. RAMP distinguishes the regions and measures their sizes. REST provides basic information about the shapes of the regions; for example, a distribution of squares which falls off abruptly for large square sizes is intuitively indicative of an elongated region.

The next two sections of this report describe in detail the structure and operation of the RAMP and REST programs. The concluding

section discusses the application of both programs to representative
TIROS cloud cover pictures and to outline drawings (nephanalyses) made
from such pictures.

2. RAMP: Region Area Measurement Program

2.1 General description

The principal function of RAMP is to identify and measure the connected regions defined by points having a given range of brightness values on a digitized picture. Two important examples of pictures to which RAMP can be applied are

- (a) Any digitized picture, where the given range of brightness values are those exceeding an arbitrary threshold. An example is the TIROS picture shown in Figure 1, where the brightness threshold may be selected (Arking 1964) so as to discriminate between the cloud and noncloud portions of the picture. (For this threshold, RAMP will analyze the connected masses of cloud cover on the picture.)
- (b) A digitized line drawing consisting of black lines on a uniform white background. For this type of picture and a reasonable choice of brightness threshold, RAMP will analyze the regions enclosed by the lines. An example is the set of twenty-eight cloud cover maps (made from TIROS pictures) shown in Figure 2.

The input to the program is a magnetic tape digital representation of the picture or set of pictures to be analyzed. This tape can be prepared from an original hard copy picture by scanning it as described in the next subsection.

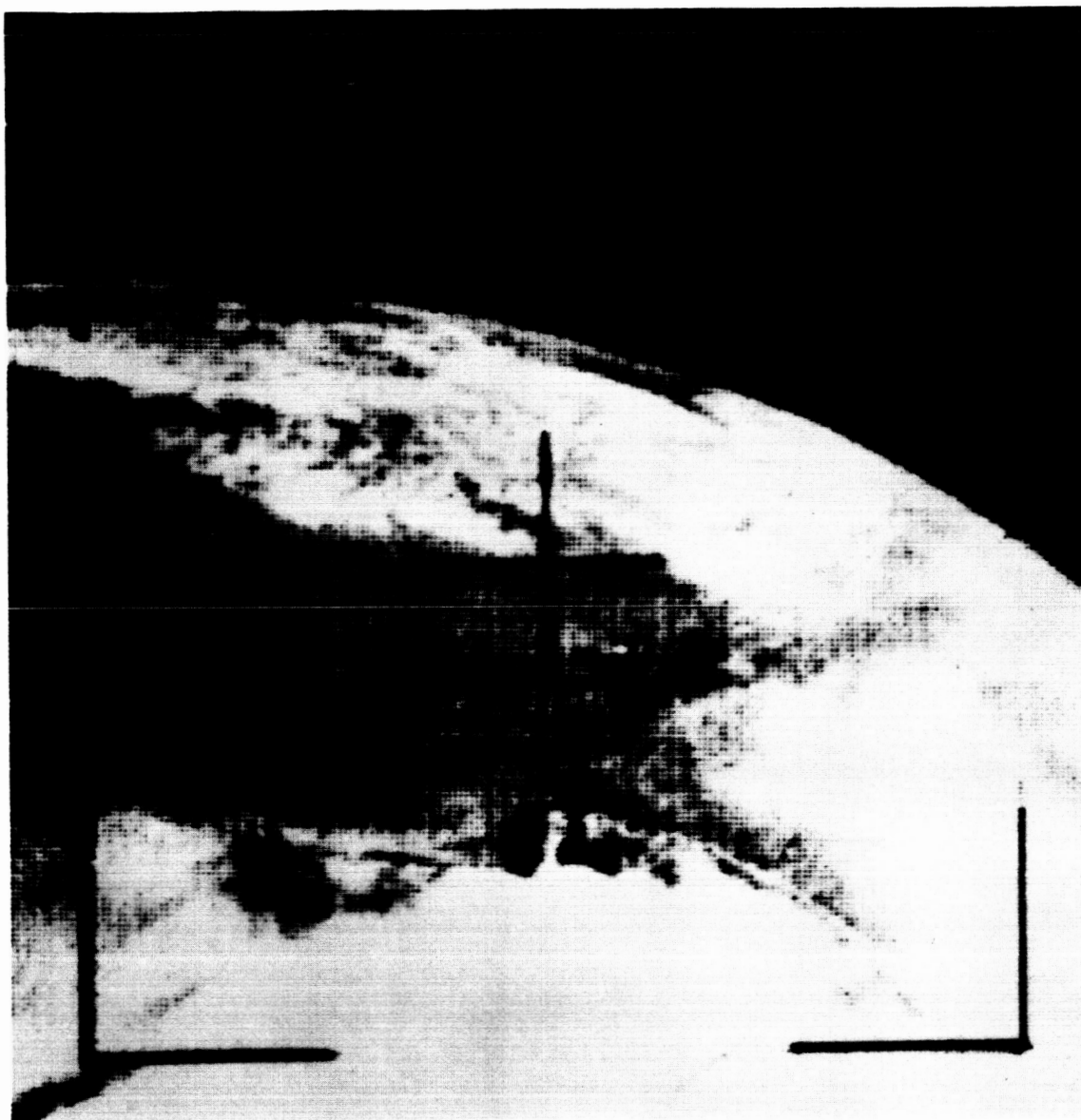


Figure 1

Typical TIROS Cloud Picture

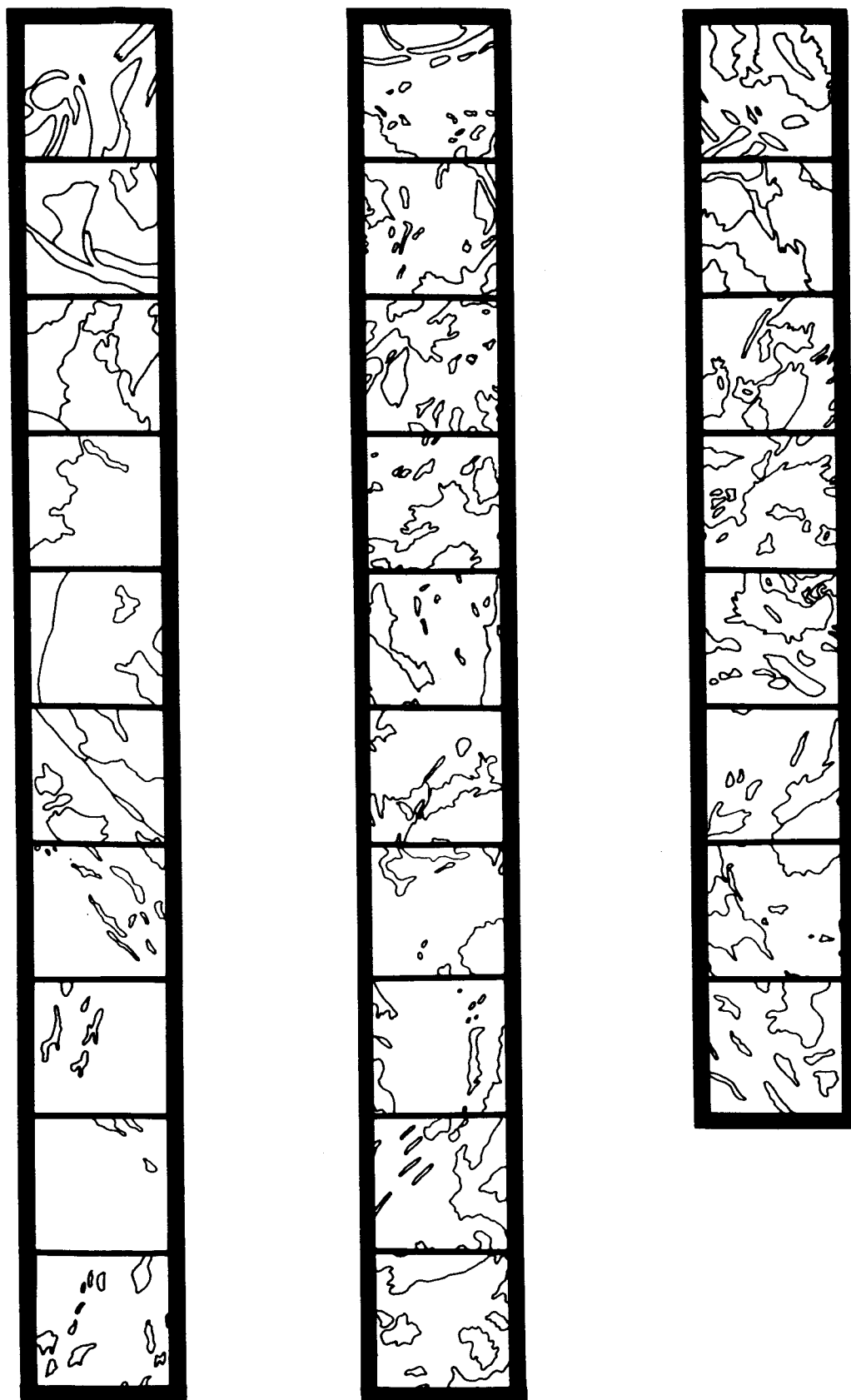


FIGURE 2.
TYPICAL CLOUD COVER MAPS

The program produces three outputs:

- (a) A pictorial printout as illustrated in Figure 3, corresponding to the upper left corner picture in Figure 2, in which each connected region of above-threshold picture elements has been assigned a distinguishing symbol. The set of symbols to be used for this purpose can be specified by the user.

Up to forty-seven characters can be used. In the printout, each element of a connected region is represented by the character assigned to the region. The below-threshold elements are represented by blanks. The printout is thus a "negative" in the sense that "dark" regions are output as blanks, while "bright" regions are printed out as aggregates of characters.

- (b) A printed list of the connected regions and their areas.*

Such a list for the picture of Figure 3 is shown in Figure 4.

- (c) A magnetic tape condensation representing the pictures in terms of the intervals in which a set of parallel scan lines intersect each region. These intervals are expressed in the form (a,b), where a and b are the picture element numbers of the leftmost and rightmost elements in the given interval.

The elements are numbered left to right from 1 to P, the picture width. (A detailed description of the format of this tape, which is the input to the REST program, is given in Section 3.)

*The area of a region is defined as the number of picture elements it contains.

FIGURE 3
RAMP PRINTOUT
FOR A TYPICAL MAP

<u>Region</u>	<u>Region Area</u>
Y	180
1	140
2	4
U	7410
3	597
4	456
5	15
6	694
7	160
Z	1066

Figure 4

LIST OF REGIONS IN FIGURE 3

2.2 Input

The images used as input to RAMP were converted into an IBM-compatible digital tape using a high resolution optical-mechanical scanner currently in operation at the National Bureau of Standards. (The continuing cooperation of Mr. Leonard Cahn of the Bureau in making this scanner available is gratefully acknowledged.) This scanner was made by converting a metal lathe. The image to be scanned is placed on a three inch diameter drum which is inserted in the lathe. At one end of the drum there is a slip ring which can be rotated with respect to the drum. On the slip ring is cemented a photograph of white and black lines and a black space corresponding to clock pulses and an inter-record gap. The rotation of the slip ring with respect to the drum determines the point at which the scanner starts to scan the photograph.

The optical system used in the scanner consists of a light source, a lens, a square aperture ($1/192'' \times 1/192''$), and a multiplier phototube. Electrical signals are obtained at the output of the multiplier phototube. A second optical system is placed in front of the slip ring and the output of its multiplier phototube provides clock pulses for the entire electrical system. This second optical system is connected to the automatic feed of the lathe. Rotation of the drum provides the lateral motion across the picture and the automatic feed of the lathe provides the longitudinal motion.

The output of the main multiplier phototube is fed into a video amplifier and amplified. The amplified signal is then fed into a three

bit analog-to-digital converter. The resulting binary signal is then fed into an Ampex digital tape recorder and recorded on magnetic tape at 200 bits per inch.

The scanner is equipped with preselected start and stop limits. The maximum over-all scanning area is 9 x 10.4 inches. The area is scanned from left to right starting in the upper left hand corner. Each line is equal to one record; its end is marked by an end of record gap. Each record contains 288 words representing 1728 picture elements. The entire scanning area contains approximately 2000 records.

2.3 Operating parameters

RAMP is coded for an IBM 7090 computer in the FAP symbolic assembly language. For input-output a University of Maryland modified version of the FORTRAN I/O Hollerith package was used.

Parameter cards must be supplied for each run to specify the number and size of the pictures in the sequence to be processed. All pictures to be processed during a single run of the program must be stored on a single magnetic tape. Each record on the tape contains information about one picture line; lines are numbered consecutively from 1 to L, where L is the total number of lines stored on the tape.

The parameter cards to be supplied for a set of p pictures are the following:

<u>Symbolic Location and Contents</u>		<u>Parameter Definition</u>	<u>Parameter Limits</u>
ENDR + 0	DEC R	Picture 1: . number of lines in picture	1 to magnetic tape storage limit
+ 1	DEC W_b	. beginning word of line (6 picture ele- ments per word)	$1 \leq W_b \leq W_e$
+ 2	DEC W_e	. ending word of line	$W_b \leq W_e \leq 20$
ENDR + 3, 4, 5		Picture 2: same	
...			
ENDR + 3(p-1) + 0, 1, 2		Picture p: same	
ENDR + 3p	DEC 0	Signal for end of picture sequence	

These cards are inserted in the symbolic program deck just prior to the last symbolic card ("END" card).

2.4 Logical description

The input to RAMP is a binary tape containing digitized information from a scanned image. The scanner described in Subsection 2.2 assigns each map element to one of eight gray levels; the program, however, is concerned only with "black" (below threshold) and "white" (above threshold) elements.

One row (= line) of elements is read in at a time. For it, the program records all of the intervals between "black" elements, giving their beginning and ending element numbers. For the first row, these intervals are assigned successive region numbers and a count is started for each region giving the number of elements in the interval. Starting with the second row, all of the intervals for a given row m are compared with the intervals of the previous row $m-1$ in the following manner: If an interval (c, d) of row m overlaps an interval (a, b) of row $m-1$ (that is, if c is not greater than $b + 1$ or if d is not less than $a - 1$) then the interval (c, d) is tagged with the region number of the interval (a, b) , and the number of elements in (c, d) is added to the cumulative count of that region. If an interval of row m overlaps two intervals (a_1, b_1) and (a_2, b_2) of row $m-1$, the cumulative count for the region of the interval (a_2, b_2) is added to the count cumulative/ for the region (a_1, b_1) and the region number of (a_2, b_2) is eliminated, (a_2, b_2) being tagged with the region number of (a_1, b_1) . If an interval (c, d) of row m does not overlap with any interval in row $m-1$, then it is assigned a new region number. Each time processing for a line is completed, its tagged intervals are written on magnetic tape.

It is necessary to make only one pass over all the rows of the picture tape using this parallel type of processing.* Furthermore, at any given time only one row of elements and the intervals from two rows are in memory, thus minimizing the amount of storage required.

*However, one additional pass over the interval tape is required to complete the numbering of the regions.

For each region the program puts out the coordinates of an identifying element and the total number of elements. The identifying element is the first element to which the program had assigned that region number which it eventually assigns to the entire region after all "overlaps" have been consolidated as described above. If a region has no "overlaps," this is simply the first element of the region encountered by the scan (the upper left element). For a "U" shaped region, the identifying element will be the upper left element of the left arm of the "U", even though the left arm is shorter than the right arm, so that the right arm was encountered first.

The symbols identifying the regions for output are assigned in rotating order A, B, ..., Z, 1, 2, ..., 9, +, -, /, =, ', .,), \$, *, "comma", (corresponding to the order in which the scan encountered the upper left element of the entire region (rather than the identifying element). However, the regions are listed in the output in order of their identifying elements. This explains the order of listing of the region data in Figure 4, above, and Figure 7, below.

Figures 5 and 6 show a detailed flow chart and the 7090 symbolic assembly (FAP) listing for RAMP.

Figure 5
RAMP Flow Chart

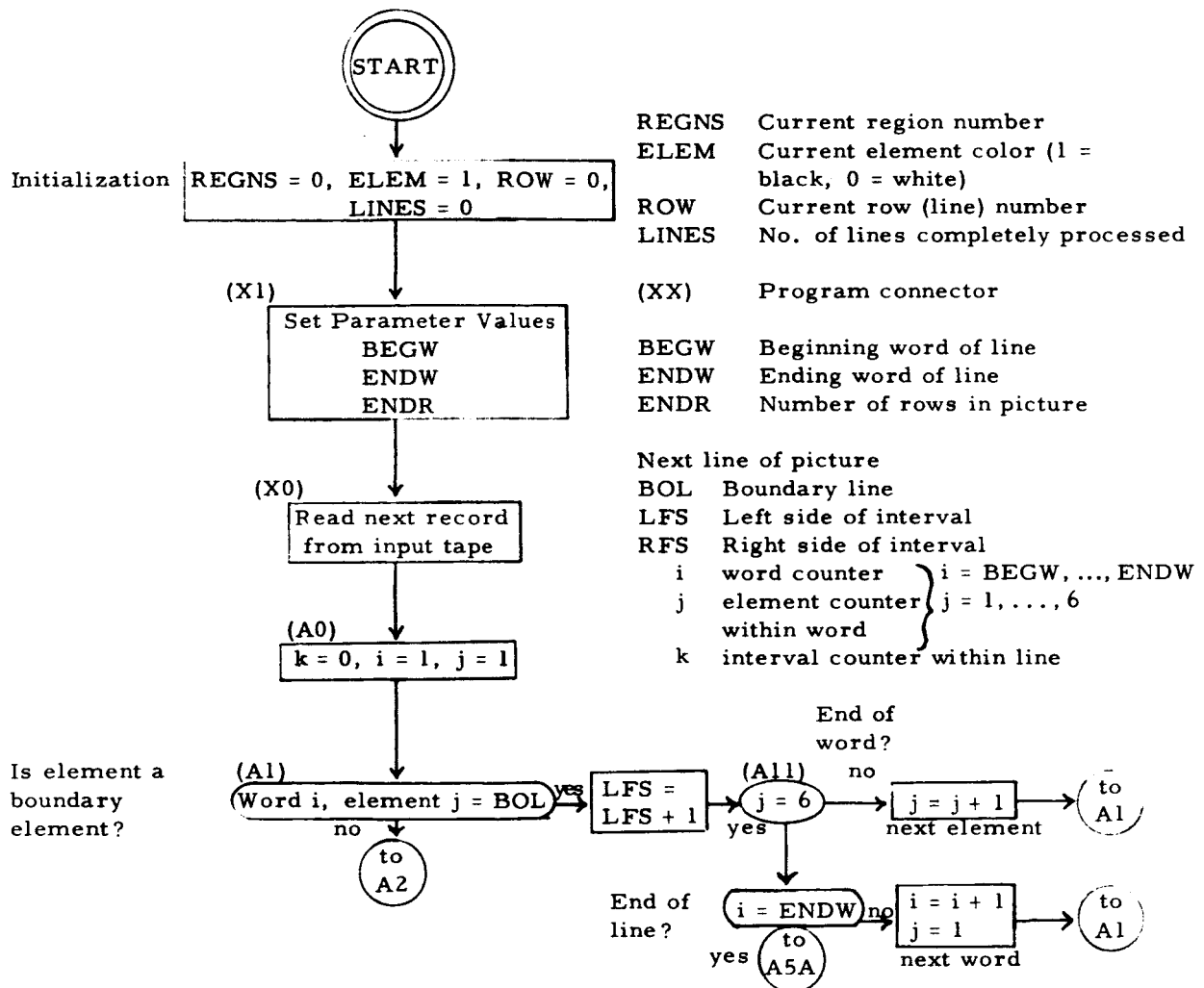


Figure 5 - Sheet 1

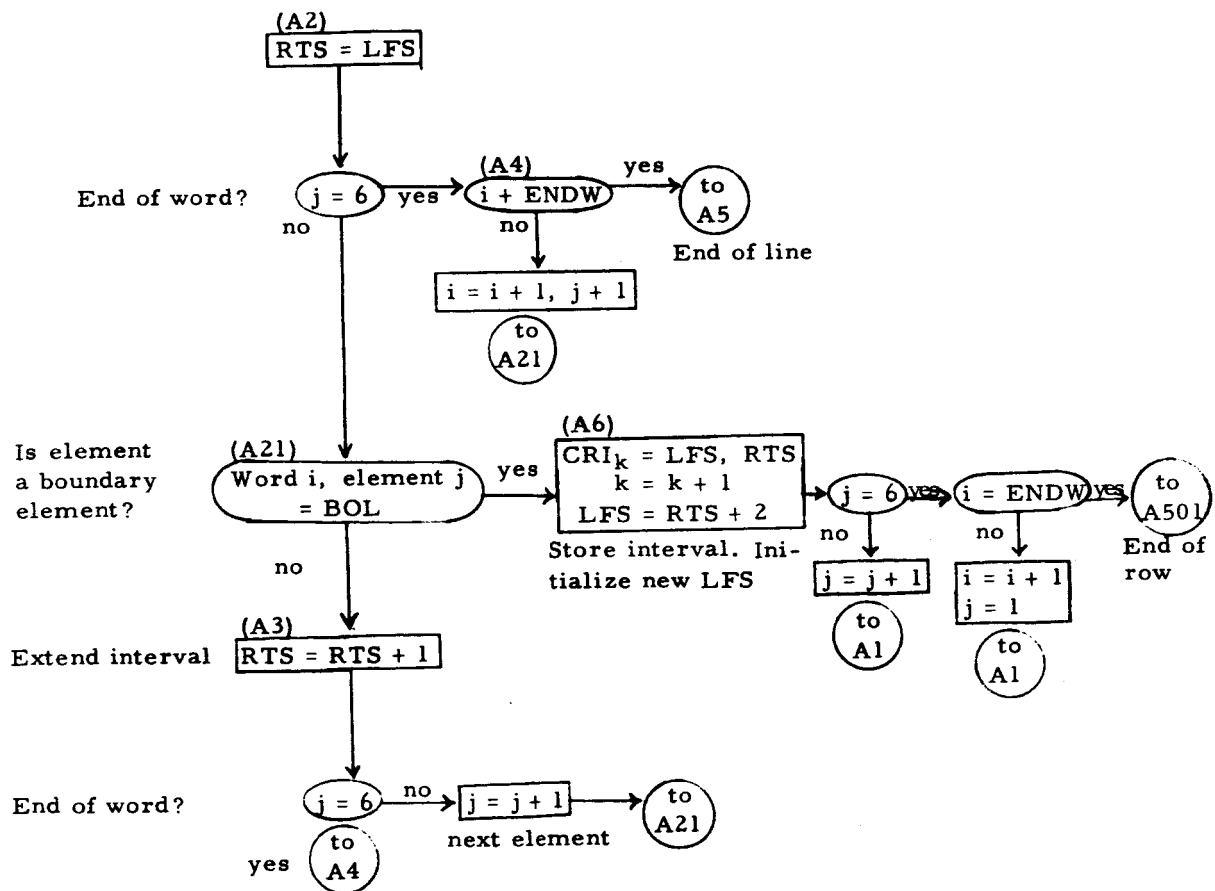


Figure 5 - Sheet 2

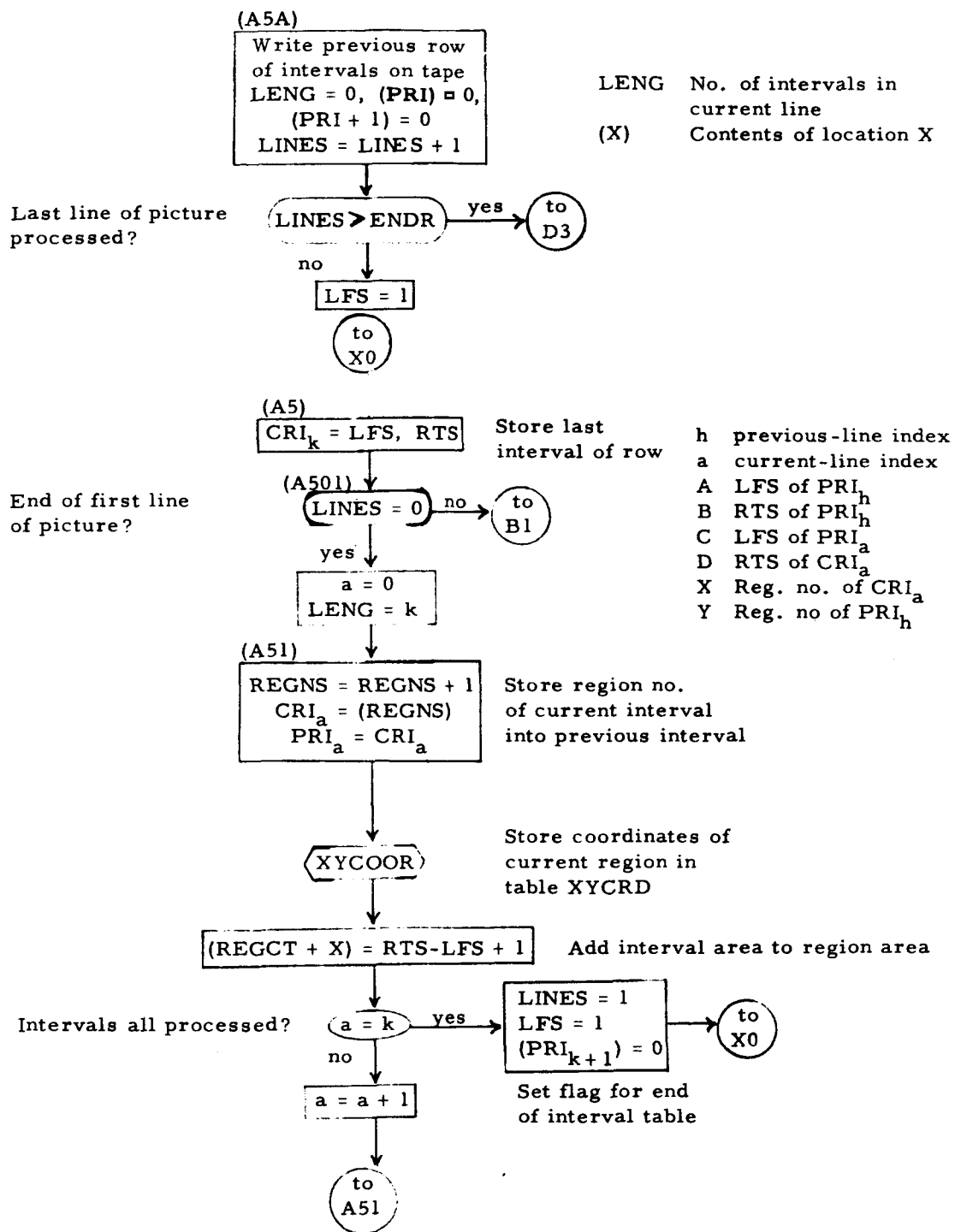


Figure 5 - Sheet 3

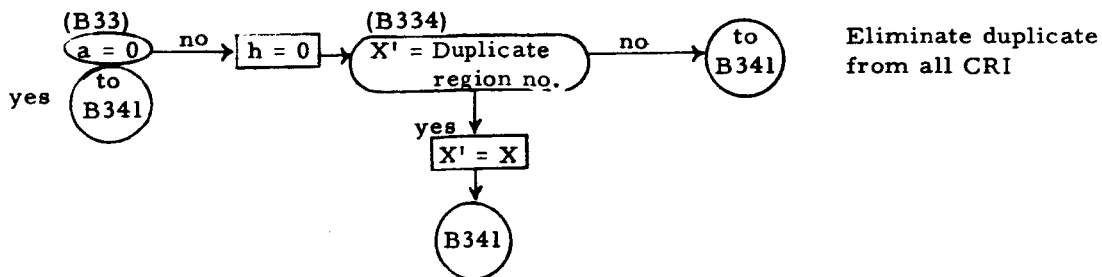


Figure 5 - Sheet 4

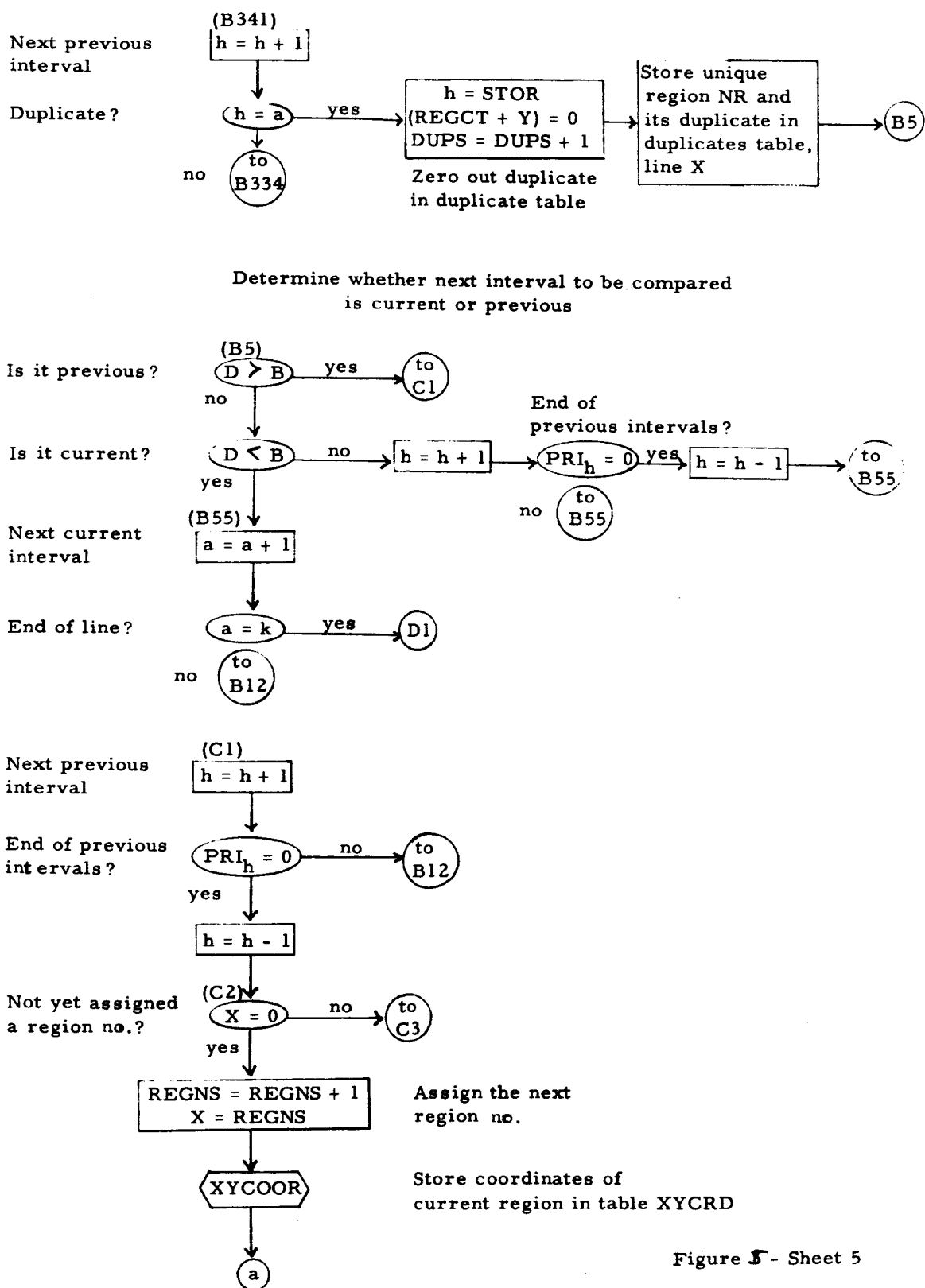


Figure 5 - Sheet 5

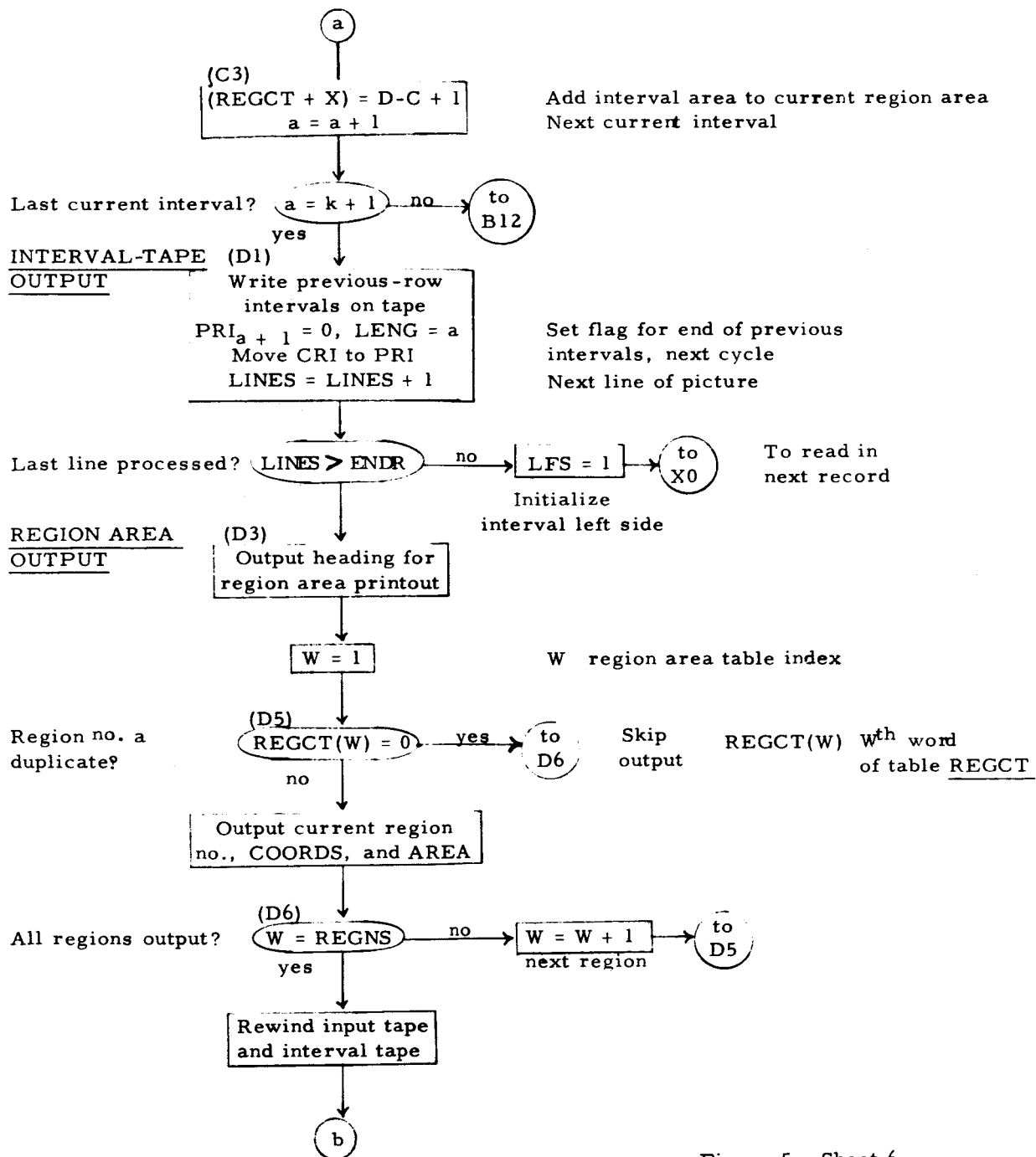


Figure 5 - Sheet 6

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Figure 5 - Sheet 7

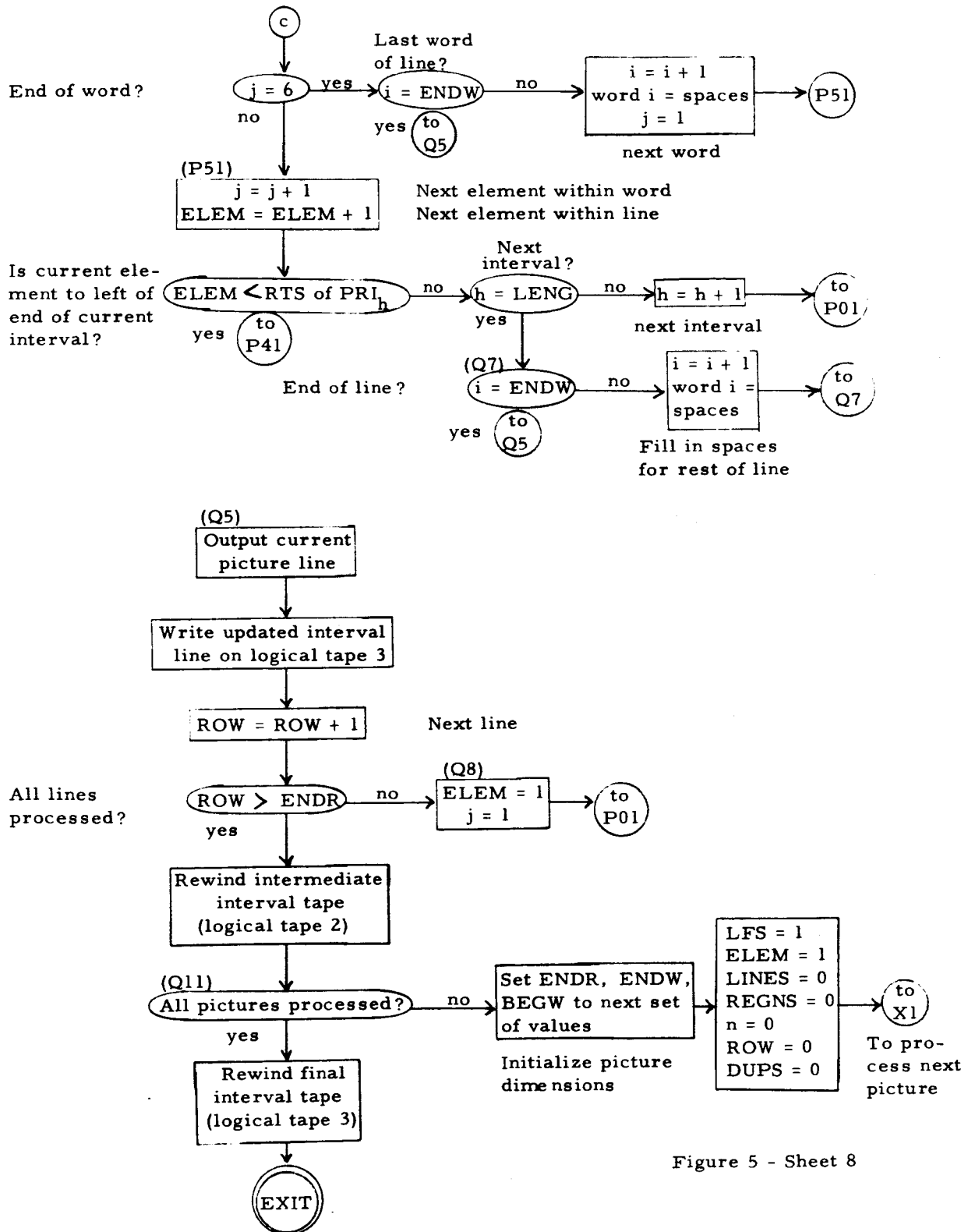


Figure 5 - Sheet 8

Figure 6

RAMP Symbolic Program Listing

		RAMP	REGION AREA MEASUREMENT PROGRAM
*			
X1	CLA	BEGW	
	SUB	ONE	
	STO	BEGW	
	CLA	ENDW	
	ADD	P0+2	
	STA	A1+1	
	STA	A21+1	
	STA	P5-1	
	STA	P5-2	
	STA	P5+2	
	STA	Q3+3	
	STA	Q5-3	
	STA	Q5+6	
	STA	Q8-2	
	CLA	ENDW	
	SUB	BEGW	
	STA	A0+1	
	STA	P0	
	STA	Q5+3	
	LXA	ENDR,1	
	SXD	D3-4,1	
X0	CALL	RDSBIN	READ BINARY
	TIX	0,0,8	
	TIX	L(IOC),7,0	
	TIX	0,1,0	
	TRA	A0	READ IN ONE RECORD STARTING
L(IOC)	IORT	GRID,0,-1	IN LOCATION GRID
A0	AXT	0,4	A0 THRU A2-1 SEARCHES FOR 1ST WHITE
	AXT	**,2	
	AXT	6,1	
	CAL	MASK	
A1	ARS	0	
	ANA	**,2	
	LGR	33	
	RQL	1	
	LGL	2	
	CAS	THREE	
	TRA	A2	TRA IF A WHITE ELEMENT
	NOP		
	CLA	A1	
	ADD	SIX	
	STO	A1	
	CLA	LFS	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	LFS	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	A1+2	
	SUB	SIX	
	STA	A1+2	
A11	TIX	A1-1,1,1	NEXT INST FOR A NEW WORD
	SXA	A1,0	

	CLA	TTHREE	
	STA	A1+2	
	TIX	A1-2,2,1	
	TRA	A5A	
A2	CLA	CON4	A2 THRU A5-1 SEARCHES FOR NEXT
	STA	A2-1	BLACK ELEM.
	CLA	LFS	
	STO	RTS	
	CLA	A1	
	ADD	SIX	
	STA	A21	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	A1+2	
	SUB	SIX	
	STA	A21+2	
	SXA	A1,0	RESET ROUTINE A1 FOR NEXT ROW
	CLA	TTHREE	
	STA	A1+2	
	TNX	A4,1,1	TRA FOR NEW WORD
	CAL	MASK	
A21	ARS	**	
	ANA	**,2	
	LGR	**	
	RQL	1	
	LGL	2	
	CAS	THREE	IS THIS ELEM BLACK
	TRA	A3	=WHITE ELEM.
	NOP		
	TRA	A6	=BLACK ELEM.
A3	CLA	A21	
	ADD	SIX	
	STO	A21	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	A21+2	
	SUB	SIX	
	STA	A21+2	
	CLA	RTS	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	RTS	
	TIX	A21-1,1,1	NEXT INST FOR NEW WORD
A4	SXA	A21,0	
	CLA	TTHREE	
	STA	A21+2	
	AXT	6,1	
	TIX	A21-1,2,1	
A5	CLA	RTS	
	LGR	12	
	CLA	LFS	
	LGL	12	
	STO	CRI,4	LAST INTERVAL IN ROW TO CRI
A501	ZET	LINES	IS THIS THE FIRST ROW
	TXI	B1,4,-1	NOT FIRST ROW

	AXT	0,2	ASSIGN REG. NOS. TO ALL CRI
	TXI	*+1,4,-1	
	SKD	A52+2,1	
	PXA	94	
	PAC	94	
	SXA	LENG,4	
A51	CLA	REGNS	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	REGNS	
	ALS	24	
	ORA	CRI,2	REG. NO. TO CRI
	SLW	PRI,2	CRI TO PRI
	TSX	XYCOORD,1	
	CLA	CON	
	ADD	REGNS	=EFFECTIVE ADDRESS FOR REG SIZE
	STA	A52	
	CAL	MASK2	
	ANA	PRI,2	
	ARS	12	
	SLW	TEMP	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	PRI,2	
	SUB	TEMP	
	ADD	ONE	
A52	STO	**	SIZE OF CRI TO TABLE REGCT
	TXI	*+1,2,-1	
	TXH	A51,2,***	
	CLA	ONE	
	STO	LINES	
	STO	LFS	
	STZ	PRI,2	END OF TABLE PRI
	TRA	X0	
A5A	CLA	CON9	THIS INST. WHEN ROW IS ALL BOL
	STO	D2	
	TRA	D1	
	CLA	CON2	
	STO	D2	
	STZ	LENG	
	STZ	PRI	
	STZ	PRI+1	
	CLA	TTHREE	
	STA	A1+2	
	SXA	A1,0	
	TRA	D2+9	
A6	CLA	RTS	
	LGR	12	
	CLA	LFS	
	LGL	12	
	STO	CRI,4	LFS,RTS TO CRI
	CLA	RTS	
	ADD	TWO	
	STO	LFS	
	CLA	A21	

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	ADD	SIX	
	STA	A1	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	A21+2	
	SUB	SIX	
	STA	A1+2	
	CLA	CON3	
	STA	A2-1	
	TXI	A11,4,-1	GO TO FIND BEGINNING OF NEXT INTERVAL
A7	CLA	CON4	
	STA	A2-1	
	TXI	A501,4,1	GO TO END OF ROW ROUTINE
B1	AXT	0,1	
	AXT	0,2	
	CAL	PRI,1	
	TZE	C2	
	CAL	MASK1	1. IF C GRTR THAN B+1 GET NEXT PRI
	ANA	PRI,1	2. IF D LESS THAN A-1 GET NEXT CRI
	ADD	ONE	3. IF NEITHER 1 NOR 2 THEN CRI AND
	LGR	36	PRI OVERLAP
	CAL	MASK2	(A,B DESIGNATE INTERVAL FOR PRI AND
	ANA	CRI,2	C,D FOR CRI)
	ARS	12	
	TLQ	C1	TRA IF C GRTR THAN B+1
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	CRI,2	
	LGR	36	
	CAL	MASK2	
	ANA	PRI,1	
	ARS	12	
	SUB	ONE	
	TLQ	C2	TRA IF D LESS THAN A-1
	CAL	MASK3	CRI AND PRI OVERLAP
	ANA	CRI,2	
	TNZ	B3	TRA IF CRI HAS A REG. NO.
	CAL	MASK3	
	ANA	PRI,1	
	ORS	CRI,2	REG = OF PRI TO CRI
	ARS	24	
	ADD	CON	
	STA	B2	
	STA	B2+1	
	CAL	MASK2	
	ANA	CRI,2	
	ARS	12	
	STO	TEMP	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	CRI,2	
	SUB	TEMP	
	ADD	ONE	
B2	ADD	**	SIZE OF CRI + ACCUMULATED SIZE OF
	STO	**	REG. OF PRI TO (REGCT+REG.NO. OF CRI)
	TRA	B5	

B3	SLW	TEMP	B3 THRU B5+1 ELIMINATES REDUNDANT REG NO.	1
	CAL	MASK3		2
	ANA	PRI,1		3
	LAS	TEMP		4
	TRA	*+2		5
	TRA	B5	DO NOT ELIMINATE IF REG NOS. ARE EQUAL	6
	CAL	MASK3		7
	ANA	PRI,1		
	SLW	TEMP		
	ARS	24		
	ADD	CON		
	STA	B31+1		
	CAL	MASK3		
	ANA	CRI,2		
	ARS	24		
	ADD	CON		
	STA	B31		
	STA	B31+2		
B31	CLA	**	REG SIZE OF REG OF PRI + REG	
	ADD	**	SIZE OF REG OF CRI TO REG SIZE	
	STO	**	OF CRI	
	SXA	STOR,1		
	AXT	0,1		
B32	CAL	MASK3		
	ANA	PRI,1		
	TZE	B33	ZEROES INDICATE END OF TABLE PRI	
	LAS	TEMP		
	TXI	B32,1,-1	NOT EQUAL TO REG. NO. OF REDUNDANT REG.	
	TRA	*+2	=REG. NO. OF REDUNDANT REG.	
	TXI	B32,1,-1	NOT EQUAL	
	CAL	MASK1		
	ADD	MASK2		
	ANS	PRI,1		
	CAL	MASK3		
	ANA	CRI,2		
	ORS	PRI,1	REG. NO. OF CRI TO PRI	
	TXI	B32,1,-1		
B33	PXA	,2		1
	TZE	B34+1		2
	SXD	B34,2		3
	AXT	0,1		
	CAL	MASK3		
	ANA	CRI,1		
	LAS	TEMP		
	TXI	B34,1,-1		
	TRA	*+2	= REG. NO. OF REDUNDANT REG.	
	TXI	B34,1,-1		
	CAL	MASK1		
	ADD	MASK2		
	ANS	CRI,1		
	CAL	MASK3		
	ANA	CRI,2		
	ORS	CRI,1	REPLACE REDUNDANT REG. NO.	

B34	TXI	*+1,1,-1		
	TXH	B33+4,1,***		
	LXA	STOR,1		
	CLA	TEMP		
	ARS	24		
	ADD	CON		
	STA	*+1		
	STZ	**	CLEAR REG SIZE OF REDUNDANT REG	
	CLA	DUPS		1
	ADD	ONE		2
	STO	DUPS		3
	ADD	CON6		4
	STA	*+5		5
	CLA	MASK3		6
	ANA	CRI,2		7
	ARS	24		8
	ADD	TEMP		9
	STO	**		10
B5	CAL	MASK1		
	ANA	PRI,1		
	STO	TEMP		
	CAL	MASK1		
	ANA	CRI,2		
	CAS	TEMP		
	TRA	C1	AC GRTR THAN TEMP, GET NEXT PRI	1
	TXI	*+5,1,-1	AC=TEMP, GET NEXT PRI AND CRI	2
	TXI	*+1,2,-1	AC LESS THAN TEMP, GET NEXT CRI	3
	SXD	*+1,4		4
	TXL	D1,2,***	TRA IF NO MORE CRI	5
	TRA	B1+2		6
	CAL	PRI,1		7
	TNZ	*-5	TRA IF MORE PRI	8
	TXI	*-6,1,1		9
C1	TXI	*+1,1,-1		
	CAL	PRI,1		
	TNZ	B1+2	TRA IF MORE PRI	
	TXI	*+1,1,1		
C2	CAL	MASK3		
	ANA	CRI,2		
	TNZ	C3	TRA IF CRI HAS A REG. NO.	
	CLA	REGNS		
	ADD	ONE		
	STO	REGNS		
	ALS	24		
	ORS	CRI,2	REG. NO. TO CRI	
	ARS	24		
	ADD	CON		
	STA	C21		
	SXA	TEMP,1		
	TSX	XYCOORD,1		
	LXA	TEMP,1		
	CAL	MASK2		
	ANA	CRI,2		

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	ARS	12	
	STO	TEMP	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	CRI,2	
	SUB	TEMP	
	ADD	ONE	
C21	STO	**	SIZE OF CRI TO (REGCT+REG.NO. OF CRI)
C3	TXI	*+1,2,-1	
	SXD	*+1,4	
	TXL	D1,2,**	TRA IF NO MORE CRI
	TRA	B1+2	
D1	CAL	=2B17	
	CALL	(STB)	INTERVALS TO TAPE
	SXA	TEMP,2	
	AXT	0,2	
	LDQ	LENG	VECTOR LENGTH
	STR		
BCK	LDQ	PRI,2	
	STR		
	TXI	*+1,2,-1	
	CLA	PRI,2	
	TNZ	BCK	
	CALL	(WLR)	
	LXA	TEMP,2	
	STZ	PRI,2	
D2	NOP		
	PXA	,2	
	PAC	,2	
	SXA	LENG,2	
	PAX	,2	
	TXI	*+1,2,1	
	CLA	CRI,2	
	STO	PRI,2	
	TXH	*-3,2,0	
	CLA	LINES	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	LINES	
	LXA	LINES,1	
	TXH	D3-1,**	
	CLA	ONE	
	STO	LFS	
	TRA	X0	GO TO READ IN NEXT ROW
D3	CAL	=6B17	
	CALL	(STH)	
	PZE	FORM,0,1	
	AXT	8,1	
D4	LDQ	HEAD+8,1	
	STR		HEADING TO OP
	TIX	D4,1,1	
	STZ	TEMP	
	AXT	-1,1	
D5	CLA	TEMP	
	ADD	ONE	

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	STO	TEMP	
	CLA	REGCT,1	
	TZE	D6	
	LDQ	TEMP	
	STR		REG NO. TO OP
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	XYCRD,1	
	XCA		
	STR		ROW NO. TO OP
	CLA	XYCRD,1	
	ARS	12	
	XCA		
	STR		COL NO. TO OP
	LDQ	REGCT,1	
	STR		REG SIZE TO OP
D6	CLA	REGNS	
	CAS	TEMP	
	TXI	05,1,-1	
	NOP		
	CALL	(FIL)	
	CALL	REWTP	
	PZE	Z7	
	CALL	REWTP	
	PZE	ZZ1	
	TRA	P0-3	
ZZ1	PZE	0,0,2	
ZZ	PZE	0,0,2	
THREE	OCT	3	
DUPS	OCT	0	
	BSS	100	
CON6	STO	DUPS	
XYCOORD	CLA	CON5	
	ADD	REGNS	
	STA	XYR	
	STA	XYC	
	CLA	LINES	
	ADD	ONE	
XYR	STO	**	ROW(Y COORDINATE) TO XYCRD
	CLA	MASK2	
	ANA	CRI,2	
XYC	ORS	**	COL(X COORDINATE) TO XYCRD
	TRA	1,1	
ONE	OCT	1	
TWO	OCT	2	
SIX	OCT	6	
THREE	DEC	33	
MASK	OCT	1300000000000	
MASK1	OCT	000000007777	
MASK2	OCT	000077770000	
MASK3	OCT	777700000000	
CON	STO	REGCT	
CON2	NOP		
CON3	PZE	A7	

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CON4	PZE	A5A	
LINES	OCT	0	
REGNS	OCT	0	
LFS	OCT	1	
RTS	BSS	1	
TEMP	BSS	1	
STOR	BSS	1	
PRI	BSS	100	TABLE OF PREVIOUS ROW INTERVALS
CRI	BSS	100	TABLE OF CURRENT ROW INTERVALS
GRID	BSS	288	
REGCT	BSS	500	TABLE OF ACCUMULATED REGION COUNTS
LENG	PZE	0	
CON5	STO	XYCRD	
XYCRD	BSS	500	TABLE OF X-Y COORDINATES
FORM	BCI	5,(8A6//((1J12,1J12,1J4,1J16))	
HEAD	BCI	5,1	REGION NUMBER ROW COL
	BCI	3,	REGION SIZE
SEV	OCT	7	
	AXT	500,1	
	STZ	XYCRD+500,1	CLEAR TABLE XYCRD
	TIX	*-1,1,1	
P0	AXY	** ,1	
	CLA	CON7	
	STO	GRID	
	CAL	=2B17	
	CALL	(TSB)	
	STR		
	XCA		1ST WORD CONTAINS NO. OF WORDS IN RECORD
	STO	LENG	
	TZE	Q10	
	PAX	,4	
	PAX	,2	
	ADD	BCK	
	STA	P1	= 'PRI' + NO. OF WORDS IN RECORD
	STA	Q6	
	STA	P4	
	STA	P6	
	STA	*+2	
	STR		
	STQ	** ,4	
	TIX	*-2,4,1	
	CALL	(RLR)	
P01	LXA	DUPS,4	
	CLA	CON6	
	ADD	DUPS	
	ADD	ONE	
	STA	P1+3	
	CLA	MASK3	
P1	ANA	** ,2	EXTRACT REG. NO.
	STO	TEMP	
	CLA	MASK3	
	ANA	** ,4	EXTRACT DUP
	CAS	TEMP	

	TRA	*+2	
	TRA	Q1	TRA IF REG. NO. IS A DUP
	TIX	P1+2,4,1	
	CAL	TEMP	
	ARS	24	
	ADD	CON5	=EFFECTIVE ADDRESS OF SYMBOL ASSIGNED TO REG. NO.
	STA	P5	
	STA	P3	
	STA	*+1	
	CAL	**	
	TNZ	P4-1	TRA IF REG. HAS A SYMBOL
	CAL	MASK4	
P2	ARS	0	
	ANA	SYM	GET NEW SYMBOL FOR THIS REG.
	ALS	0	
P3	SLW	**	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	P2	
	ADD	SIX	
	LDQ	TTHREE	
	TLQ	Q2	TRA IF NEW WORD OF SYM IS NEEDED
P31	STA	P2	
	STA	P3-1	
	CLA	COUNT	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	COUNT	
	LDQ	FFIV	
	TLQ	Q9	TRA IF ALL SYMS. HAVE BEEN USED
	CLA	MASK2	
P4	ANA	**,2	EXTRACT LFS OF CURRENT INTERVAL
	ARS	12	
	LDQ	ELEM	
	TLQ	Q4	TRA IF CURRENT COL IS LESS THAN LFS
	CAL	MASK4	
P41	ARS	0	
	COM		
	ANA	**,1	
	SLW	**,1	
P5	CAL	**	
	ARS	0	
	ORS	**,1	SYMBOL TO GRID
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	P41	
	ADD	SIX	
	LDQ	TTHREE	
	TLQ	Q3	TRA IF NEW WORD OF GRID IS NEEDED
P51	STA	P41	
	STA	P5+1	
	CLA	ELEM	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	ELEM	
	CLA	MASK1	
P6	ANA	**,2	EXTRACT RTS OF INTERVAL

	CAS	ELEM	
	NOP		
	TRA	P41-1	TRA IF END OF INTERVAL NOT YET REACHED
	TIX	P01,2,1	
	TRA	Q7	ALL INTERVALS IN ROW ARE PROCESSED
Q1	CLA	MASK1	REPLACE DUP REG. NO.
	ANA*	P1+3	EXTRACT REPLACING REG. NO.
	LDQ*	P1	
	RQL	12	
	LGL	24	
	SLW*	P1	
	TRA	P01	
Q2	CLA	MASK5	GET NEXT WORD OF SYMBOLS
	ANA	P2+1	
	ADD	ONE	
	STA	P2+1	
	PXA	,0	
	TRA	P31	
Q3	TIX	*+2,1,1	
	TRA	Q5	TRA IF ROW IS COMPLETED
	CLA	CON7	
	STO	** ,1	
	PXA	,0	
	TRA	P51	
Q4	CLA	ELEM	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	ELEM	
	CLA	MASK1	
	ANA	P41	
	ADD	SIX	
	LDQ	TTHREE	
	TLQ	*+4	
Q41	STA	P41	
	STA	P5+1	
	TRA	P4-1	
	TIX	*+2,1,1	
	TRA	Q5	
	CLA	CON7	
	STO	** ,1	
	PXA	,0	
	TRA	Q41	
Q5	CAL	=6B17	ROW IS COMPLETED
	CALL	(STH)	
	PZE	FRMT,0,1	
	AXT	** ,1	
	LDQ	CON7	
	STR		
	LDQ	** ,1	
	STR		ROW J OF GRID TO TAPE
	TIX	*-2,1,1	
	CALL	(FIL)	
	CAL	=3B17	
	CALL	(STB)	

	LDQ	LENG	
	STR		ROW J OF INTERVALS TO TAPE
	LXA	LENG,1	
Q6	LDQ	**41	
	STR		
	TIX	*-2,1,1	
	CALL	(WLR)	
	CLA	ROW	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	ROW	
	LDQ	ROW	
	CLA	ENDR	
	TLQ	Q8	
	CALL	REWTP	
	PZE	ZZ	
	CALL	RUNTP	REWIND TAPE ON UNIT 3
	PZE	ZZ2	
	TRA	Q11	
ZZ2	PZE	0,0,3	
Q7	TIX	*+2,1,1	REST OF THE ROW IS BOUNDARY
	TRA	Q5	
	CLA	CON7	
	STO	**1	
	TRA	Q7	
Q8	CLA	ONE	
	STO	ELEM	
	PXA	,0	
	STA	P41	
	STA	P5+1	
	TRA	P0	RETURN FOR NEXT ROW
Q9	CLA	CON8	
	STA	P2+1	
	STZ	COUNT	
	PXA	,0	
	STA	P2	
	STA	P3-1	
	TRA	P4-1	
Q10	CALL	(RLR)	
	TRA	Q7	
CON7	BCI	1,	
CON8	PZE	SYM	
CON9	TRA	A5A+3	
MASK4	OCT	770000000000	
ELEM	OCT	1	
FFIV	DEC	45	
COUNT	OCT	0	
ROW	OCT	0	
SYM	BCI	8,ABCDEFGHIJKLMN0PQRSTUVWXYZ123456789+--/'.)\$*,(
FRMT	BCI	2,(1H9,20A6)	
MASK5	OCT	000000077777	
Q11	LXA	CON10,1	
	TXI	*+1,1,-3	
	SXA	CON10,1	

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	CLA	ENDR,1		
	TZE	Q12	TRA IF NO MORE PASSES REQUIRED	
	STO	ENDR		
	CLA	BEGW,1		
	STO	BEGW		
	CLA	ENDW,1		
	STO	ENDW		
	CLA	ONE		
	STO	LFS		
	STO	ELEM		
	STZ	LINES		
	STZ	REGNS		
	STZ	COUNT		
	STZ	ROW		
	CLA	CON8		
	STA	P2+1		
	STZ	DUPS		
	PXA	,0		
	STA	P2		
	STA	P3-1		
	STA	P41		
	STA	P5+1		
	TRA	X1		
Q12	CALL	(SPH)	PRINT ON-LINE	
	PZE	FMT,0,1		
	AXT	5,1		
	LDQ	TAPE+5,1		
	STR			
	TIX	*-2,1,1		
	HPR			
	CALL	EXIT		
FMT	BCI	1,(5A6)		
CON10	DEC	0		
TAPE	BCI	5,END OF JOB - DISMOUNT TAPES		
ENDR	DEC	289	ENDING ROW	
BEGW	DEC	1	BEGINNING WORD	
ENDW	DEC	19	ENDING WORD	
	DEC	289	EACH SET OF 3 CARDS WIKL CAUSE THE	
	DEC	62	PROGRAM TO MAKE ONE PASS ON A PICTURE.	
	DEC	80	THE LAST SET OF 3 CARDS MUST BE FOLLOWED	
	DEC	0	BY A WORD OF ZEROES.	
	END			

3. REST: Region-Enclosed Square Tabulator

3.1 General description

The principal function of REST is to compile a frequency distribution of the squares of various sizes lying within each connected region (as defined for RAMP) on a set of pictures. The range of desired sizes, the picture size, and the number of pictures to be processed are specified by the user. These dimensions are all specified in terms of numbers of picture elements.

For each square size considered within a given region, the following information is computed in addition to the square frequency count:

- . The frequency of exterior squares (with at least one element touching the boundary of the region)
- . The frequency of interior squares (with no element touching the boundary)
- . The percentage of squares which are exterior
- . The percentage of squares which are interior

Picture data are input to the program from magnetic tape, line by line. Regions are represented by the picture-element intervals which they occupy on each line; a number assigned to each interval indicates its region. The picture interval data are produced by RAMP from an element-by-element digital picture representation as described in Section 2.

A sample picture consisting of ten regions, in the form produced as output by RAMP, is shown in Figure 7. A line drawing representation of this picture is shown in Figure 2, column 1, picture 6. The output of REST for this picture is shown in Figure 8.

3.2 Input

The number of records on the magnetic input tape is equal to the total number of lines in the set of pictures to be processed. Each record contains information about one line in the picture.

The first word of the record contains the number of intervals on the line. Each succeeding word, representing one interval, is divided into three parts of four octal digits each. The first part is the interval region number; the second, the interval left end element number; the third, interval right end element number.

Elements are numbered consecutively from 1 to P, where P is the picture width.

For example, the input record representing line 11 of the sample picture (Figure 7) is:

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000000000005 014300010007 013300130050 013400540114 013501210130  
013401330162
```

The region represented by M in the picture was assigned identifying number 143 (octal); by J, identifying number 133; etc.

3.3 Operating parameters

REST is coded in the FAP assembly language to run on an IBM 7090 computer. For input-output a University of Maryland modified FORTRAN Input-Output-Hollerith program was used.

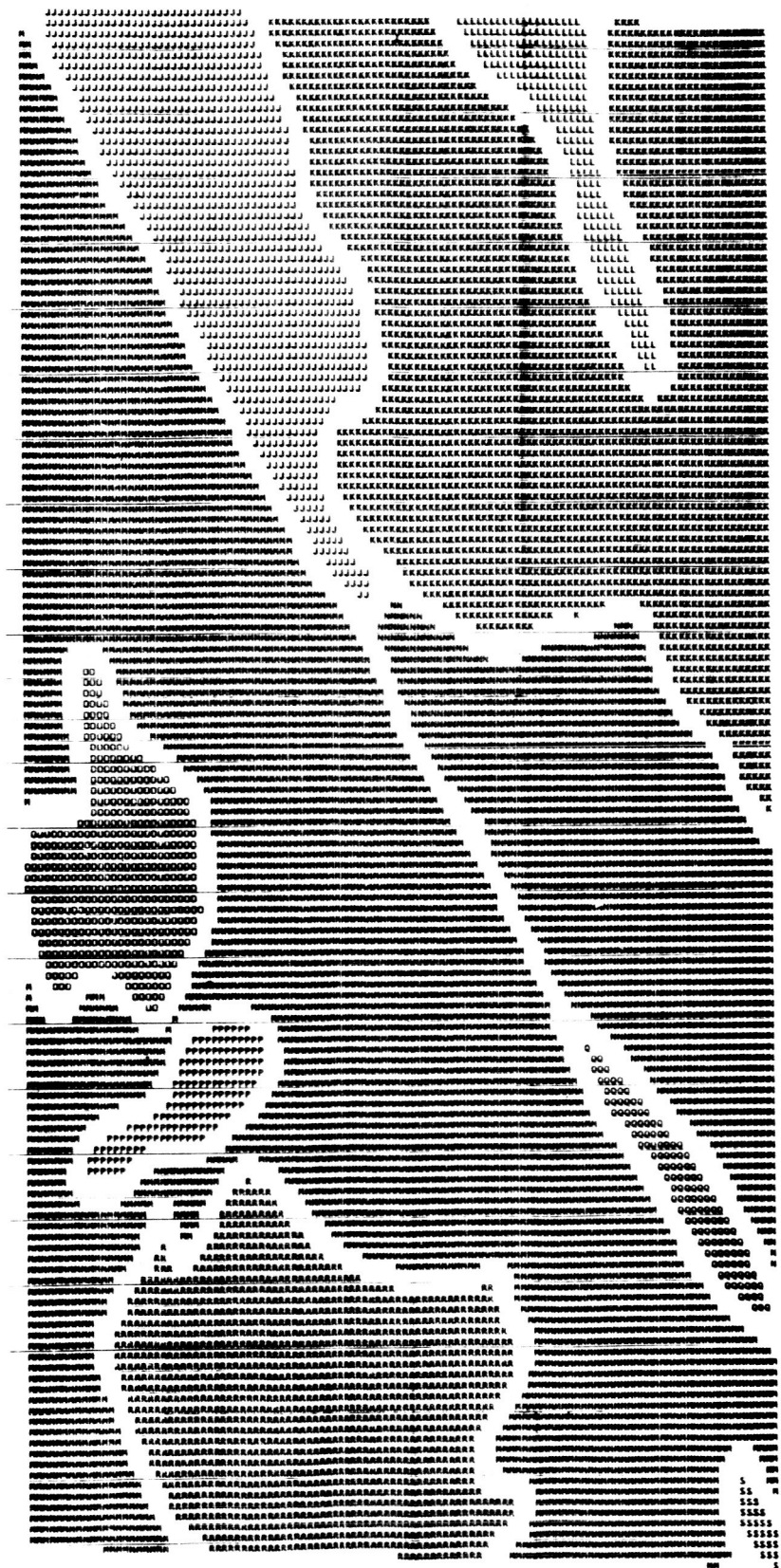


FIGURE 7
TYPICAL INPUT TO REST

Region	Square Width	Square Frequencies			Square Percentages	
		Total	Exterior	Interior	Exterior	Interior
L	2	190	111	79	58	42
	3	131	89	42	68	32
	4	79	56	23	71	29
	5	42	32	10	76	24
	6	23	21	2	91	9
	7	10	10	0	100	0
	8	2	2	0	100	0
	9	0	0	0	0	0
J	2	1022	208	814	20	80
	3	913	187	726	20	80
	4	814	172	642	21	79
	5	726	164	562	23	77
	6	642	156	486	24	76
	7	562	148	414	26	74
	8	486	139	347	29	71
	9	414	131	283	32	68
	10	347	123	224	35	65
	11	283	113	170	40	60
	12	224	103	121	46	54
	13	170	96	74	56	44
	14	121	78	43	64	36
	15	74	56	18	76	24
	16	43	40	3	93	7
	17	18	18	0	100	0
	18	3	3	0	100	0
	19	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 8

Output of REST for the Input of Figure 7

Region	Square Width	Total	Square Frequencies		Square Percentages	
			Exterior	Interior	Exterior	Interior
K	2	3072	402	2670	13	87
	3	2869	395	2474	14	86
	4	2670	388	2282	15	85
	5	2474	380	2094	15	85
	6	2282	370	1912	16	84
	7	2094	360	1734	17	83
	8	1912	352	1560	18	82
	9	1734	343	1391	20	80
	10	1560	335	1225	21	79
	11	1391	326	1065	23	77
	12	1225	317	908	26	74
	13	1065	310	755	29	71
	14	908	284	624	31	69
	15	755	250	505	33	67
	16	624	228	396	37	63
	17	505	196	309	39	61
	18	396	143	253	36	64
	19	309	103	206	33	67
	20	253	89	164	35	65
	21	206	80	126	39	61
	22	164	72	92	44	56
	23	126	64	62	51	49
	24	92	56	36	61	39
	25	62	46	16	74	26
	26	36	33	3	92	8
	27	16	16	0	100	0
	28	3	3	0	100	0
	29	0	0	0	0	0
O	2	413	112	301	27	73
	3	355	100	255	28	72
	4	301	88	213	29	71
	5	255	79	176	31	69
	6	213	71	142	33	67
	7	176	65	111	37	63
	8	142	59	83	42	58
	9	111	53	58	48	52
	10	83	46	37	55	45
	11	58	39	19	67	33
	12	37	32	5	86	14
	13	19	19	0	100	0
	14	5	5	0	100	0
	15	0	0	0	0	0
P	2	144	67	47	59	41
	3	76	48	28	63	37
	4	47	34	13	72	28
	5	28	25	3	89	11
	6	13	13	0	100	0
	7	3	3	0	100	0
	8	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 8 Sheet 2

Region	Square Width	Square Frequencies			Square Percentages	
		Total	Exterior	Interior	Exterior	Interior
N	2	1531	237	1294	15	85
	3	1410	228	1182	16	84
	4	1294	220	1074	17	83
	5	1182	211	971	18	82
	6	1074	200	874	19	81
	7	971	188	783	19	81
	8	874	176	698	20	80
	9	783	164	619	21	79
	10	698	154	544	22	78
	11	619	146	473	24	76
	12	544	138	406	25	75
	13	473	130	343	27	73
	14	406	122	284	30	70
	15	343	115	228	34	66
	16	284	107	177	38	62
	17	228	100	128	44	56
	18	177	94	83	53	47
	19	128	85	43	66	34
	20	83	69	14	83	17
	21	43	40	3	93	7
	22	14	14	0	100	0
	23	3	3	0	100	0
	24	0	0	0	0	0
Q	2	85	76	9	89	11
	3	40	40	0	100	0
	4	9	9	0	100	0
	5	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 8 - Sheet 3

<u>Region</u>	<u>Square Width</u>	<u>Square Frequencies</u>			<u>Square Percentages</u>	
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Exterior</u>	<u>Interior</u>	<u>Exterior</u>	<u>Interior</u>
R	2	1388	199	1189	14	86
	3	1286	189	1097	15	85
	4	1189	179	1010	15	85
	5	1097	171	926	16	84
	6	1010	164	846	16	84
	7	926	156	770	17	83
	8	846	149	697	18	82
	9	770	143	627	19	81
	10	697	137	560	20	80
	11	627	129	498	21	79
	12	560	120	440	21	79
	13	498	113	385	23	77
	14	440	106	334	24	76
	15	385	100	285	26	74
	16	334	94	240	28	72
	17	285	88	197	31	69
	18	240	83	157	35	65
	19	197	76	121	39	61
	20	157	69	88	44	56
	21	121	64	57	53	47
	22	88	59	29	67	33
	23	57	51	6	89	11
	24	29	29	0	100	0
	25	6	6	0	100	0
	26	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 8 - Sheet 4

<u>Region</u>	<u>Square Width</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Square Frequencies</u>		<u>Square Percentages</u>	
			<u>Exterior</u>	<u>Interior</u>	<u>Exterior</u>	<u>Interior</u>
S	2	14	14	0	100	0
	3	4	4	0	100	0
	4	0	0	0	0	0
M	2	5343	802	4541	15	85
	3	4928	750	4178	15	85
	4	4541	711	3830	16	84
	5	4178	685	3493	16	84
	6	3830	637	3193	17	83
	7	3493	583	2910	17	83
	8	3193	549	2644	17	83
	9	2910	518	2392	18	82
	10	2644	480	2164	18	82
	11	2392	445	1947	19	81
	12	2164	427	1737	20	80
	13	1947	412	1535	21	79
	14	1737	396	1341	23	77
	15	1535	377	1158	25	75
	16	1341	359	982	27	73
	17	1158	345	813	30	70
	18	982	324	658	33	67
	19	813	296	517	36	64
	20	658	256	402	39	61
	21	517	215	302	42	58
	22	402	188	214	47	53
	23	302	160	142	53	47
	24	214	124	90	58	42
	25	142	88	54	62	38
	26	90	60	30	67	33
	27	54	43	11	80	20
	28	30	29	1	97	3
	29	11	11	0	100	0
	30	1	1	0	100	0
	31	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 8 Sheet 5

The following parameter cards must be supplied for each program run:

<u>Symbolic Location and Contents</u>			<u>Card Number*</u>	<u>Parameter Definition</u>	<u>Parameter Limits</u>
WMIN	DEC	W_{\min}	3790	Minimum square width to be considered	1 to W_{\max}
WMAX	DEC	W_{\max}	3800	Maximum square width to be considered	1 to P_{wd}
PLC	DEC	P_{lc}	3792	Picture length (number of lines per picture)	1 to magnetic tape storage limit
WP	DEC	W_p	3834	Number of pictures	1 to magnetic tape storage limit
PICWID	DEC	P_{wd}	3819	Picture width (number of picture elements per line)	1 to 1000 (providing number of different regions per line does not exceed 60)

3.4 Logical description

One line of picture elements is read in from magnetic tape at a time. The program assigns a column height to each element of the line as follows. The column heights of elements within an interval are incremented by 1; the column heights of elements not in an interval are reset to zero. Initially all column heights are set to zero.

Each interval is processed as follows: The region number of each interval (a, b) is examined to see whether it is in a previously processed region. If not, the region number, row number, and column
 *As shown on the assembly listing of the program (Figure 10)

number are placed in an empty line of the Region Table. A flag, called the usage indicator, which is explained later on, is set for this region.

Each element within the current interval is examined to see whether it will complete a square of the width being considered (the current width). A square width counter is reset to zero at the beginning of the interval. For each element of the interval, processing proceeds as follows: If the column height is found equal to or greater than the current width, the current square is "high" enough, and therefore the square width counter is incremented by 1. If now, the square width counter itself equals or exceeds the current width, the current square is also "wide" enough, and therefore the frequency of squares of the width being examined for the region in process is incremented by 1.

If the column height is too small, the square width counter is reset to zero. (The square width counter thus represents the number of consecutive columns which are "high" enough.) This is done for all square widths from WMIN to WMAX by setting the current width first to WMIN and incrementing it by 1 up to and including WMAX. However, if the frequency of the squares of some width W less than WMAX is found to be zero, the square sizes $W + 1, \dots, WMAX$ are not considered. Succeeding intervals are processed in the same fashion.

Important to the program are the usage indicators referred to above. There is one usage indicator for each line of the Region Table, which

holds information about regions currently in process. Initially all the usage indicators are set to zero. If the region number for an interval matches none in the Region Table, this indicates a new region to be processed. A new entry is made for this region into the first empty line of the table, i.e., the first line whose usage indicator is zero. This usage indicator is then reset to 1, indicating that this region is now in process. If a region of the interval has been processed in the preceding line (i.e., if the region number matches one already in the table), the usage indicator for that region in the Region Table is reset to 1, indicating that this region is still in process.

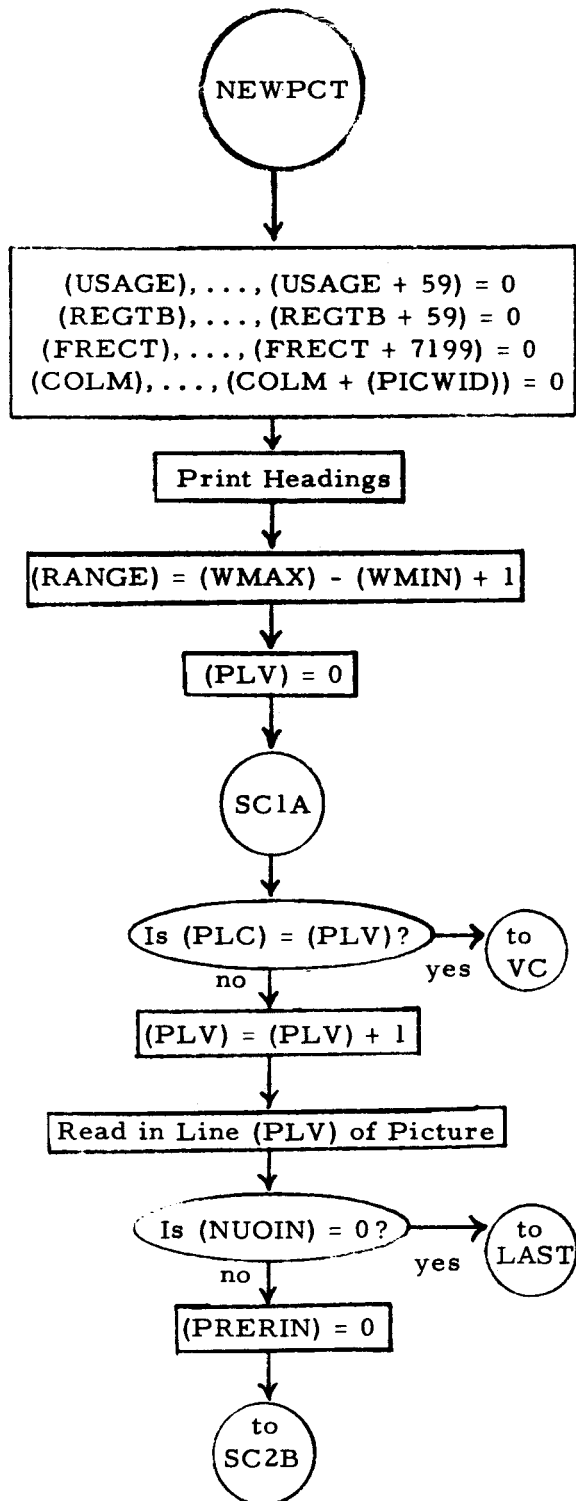
When all the intervals of a line have been processed, each usage indicator is examined. If a usage indicator is 1, that line of the Region Table was in process in the present cycle (one picture line is processed each cycle); that usage indicator is reset to minus 1. If the usage indicator is initially minus 1, that line of the region was in process in the previous cycle but not in the present cycle. Therefore, this region is "closed out," and its data are ready for output. This usage indicator is reset to zero (indicating that its line in the Region Table can be reused subsequently), and data for that region are then output.

When outputting a line of the Region Table, the frequency of exterior and interior squares and the percentage of exterior and interior squares are obtained using the fact that the frequency of interior squares of width t is equal to the frequency of all squares of width $(t + 2)$. The

frequency of exterior squares of width t is then equal to the frequency of total squares of width t minus the frequency of the interior squares of width t .

A flow chart and symbolic program listing for REST are shown as Figures 9 and 10.

Figure 9
REST Flow Chart



COLM Column Height Table
 REGTB Region Number Table
 FRECT Square Frequency Table
 USAGE Usage Indicators

(WMAX) Maximum Square Size
 (WMIN) Minimum Square Size

Initialize Picture Line Counter
 (PLV)

Have all lines of picture been processed?
 (PLC) = Number of lines in picture
 VC = Variable Connector

Increment picture line counter by 1 (PLV)

Is number of intervals (NUOIN) on this
 line = 0? If so, go to part of program
 to clear out column heights for this line.

Set left boundary of gap before
 first interval = 0

Figure 9 - Sheet 1

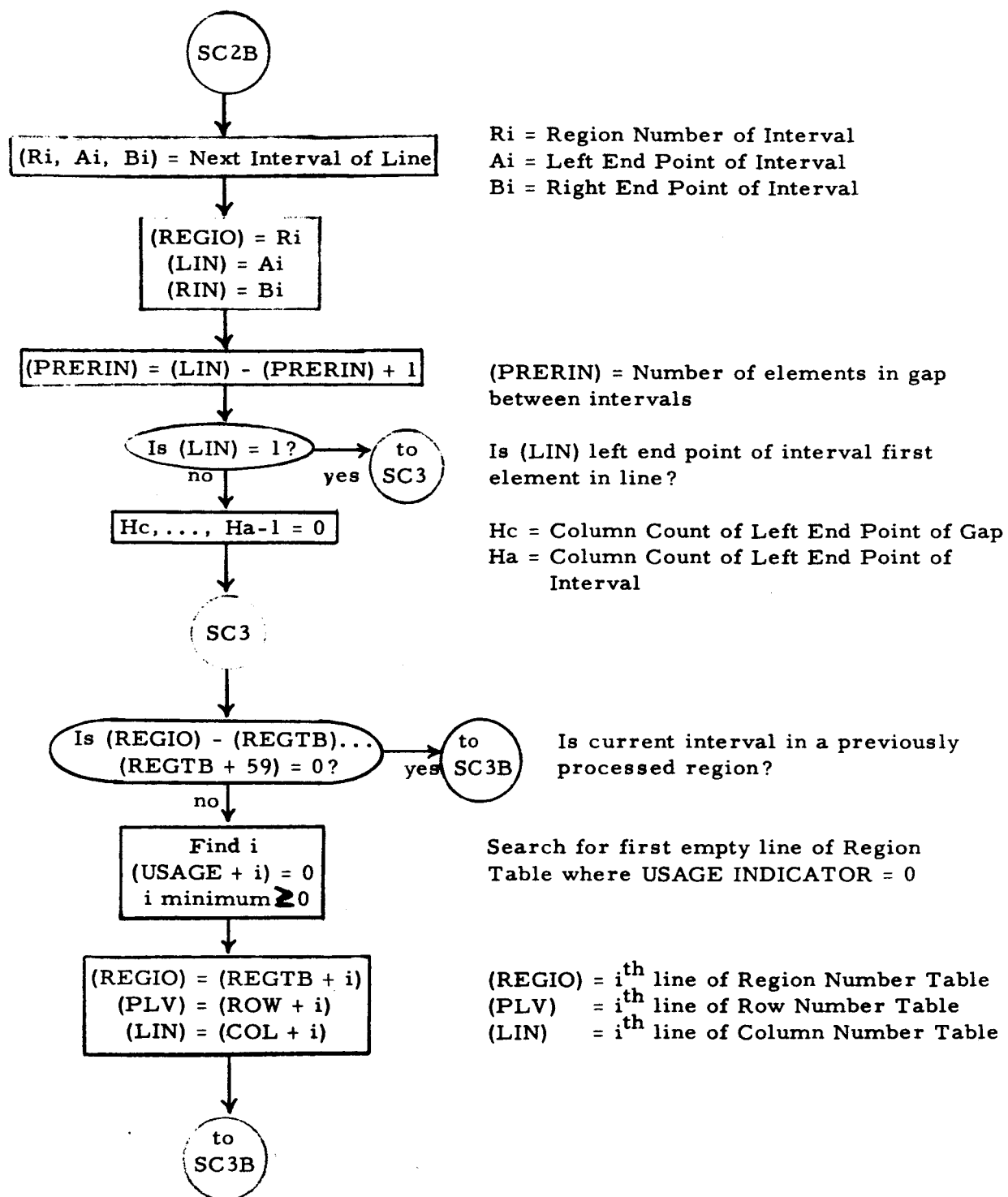
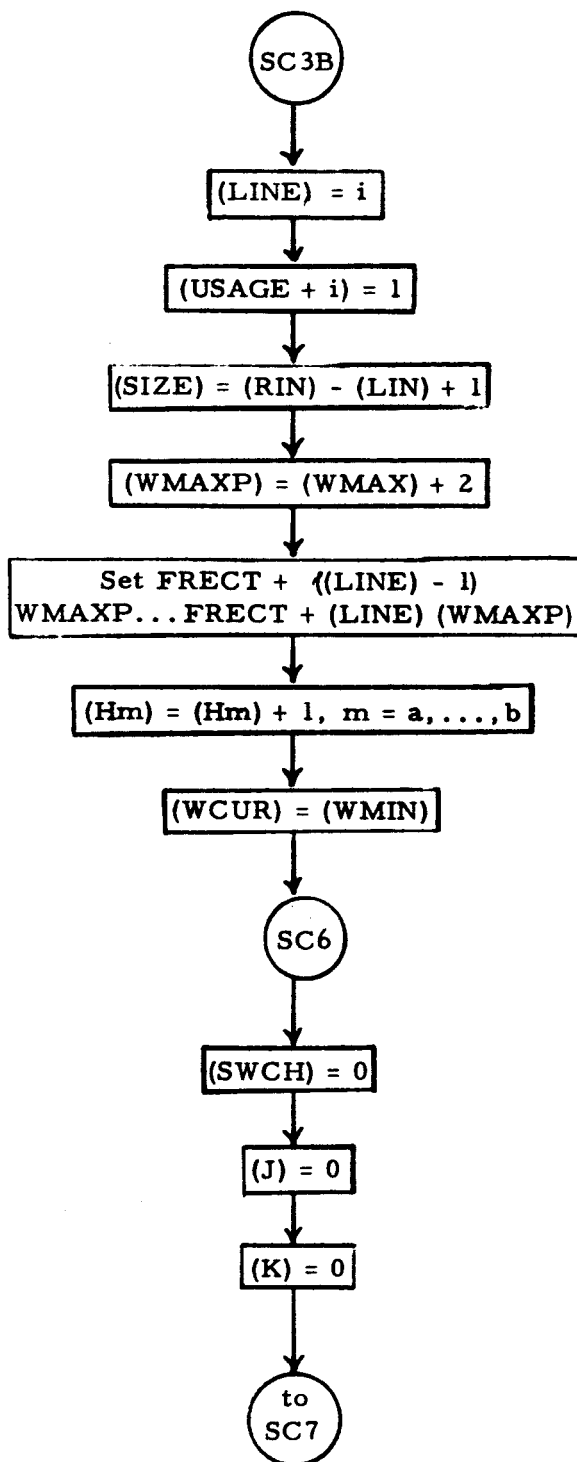


Figure 9 - Sheet 2



Store Line Number of Region Table being processed

Set Usage Indicator of i^{th} line of Region Table = 1

(SIZE) = Number of elements in interval being processed

(WMAXP) = Maximum Square Size to be considered plus 2

Set Frequency Table for line number of Region Table being processed

Increment Column Heights in interval being processed by 1

Set Minimum Square Size (WMIN) to Current Square Size (WCUR)

Set Switch (which determines whether a square has been counted) = 0

Set Square Width Counter (J) = 0

Set Column Counter for Interval (K) = 0

Figure 9 - Sheet 3

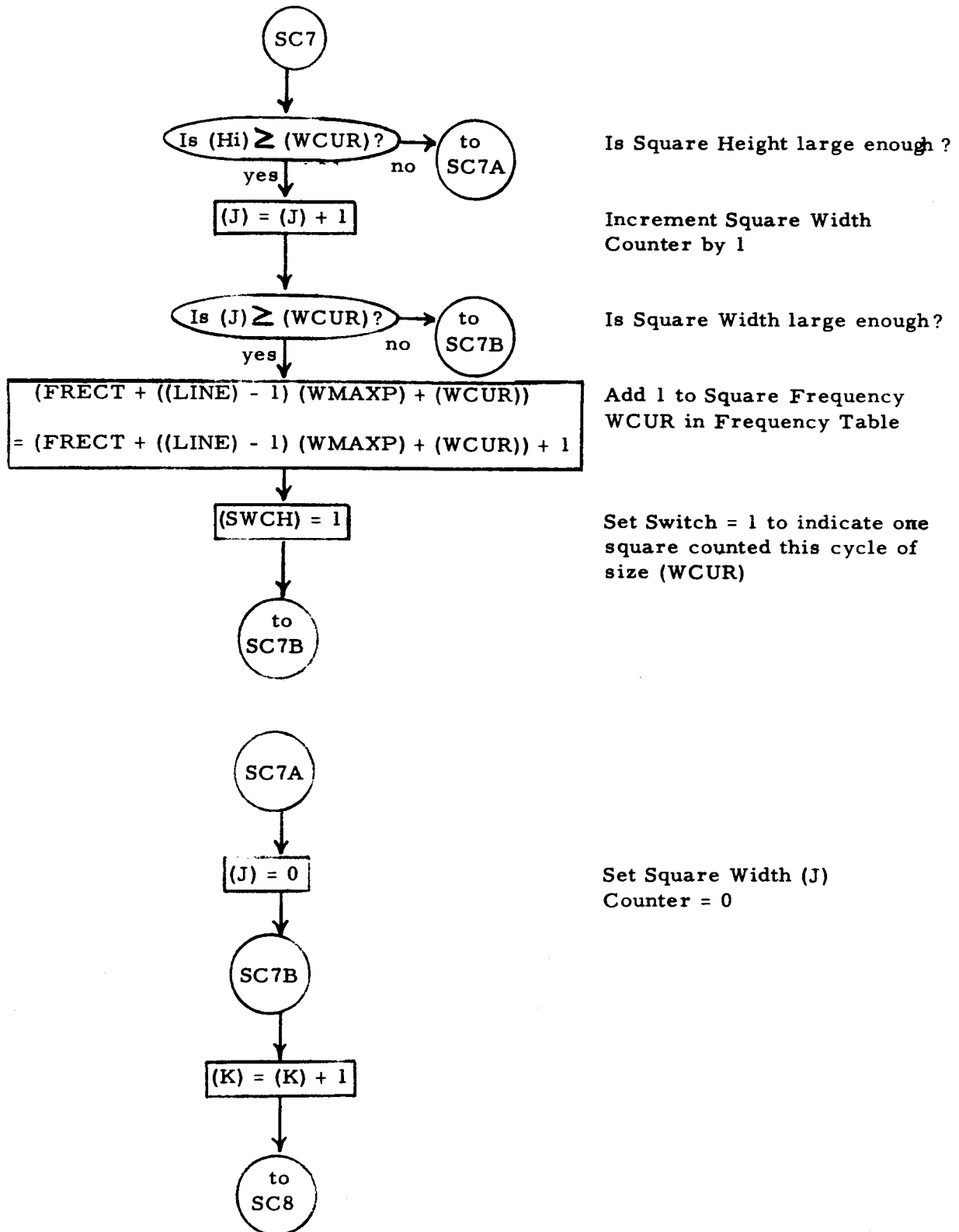
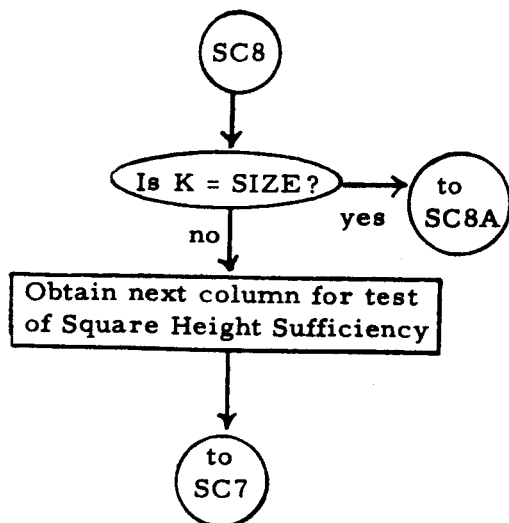
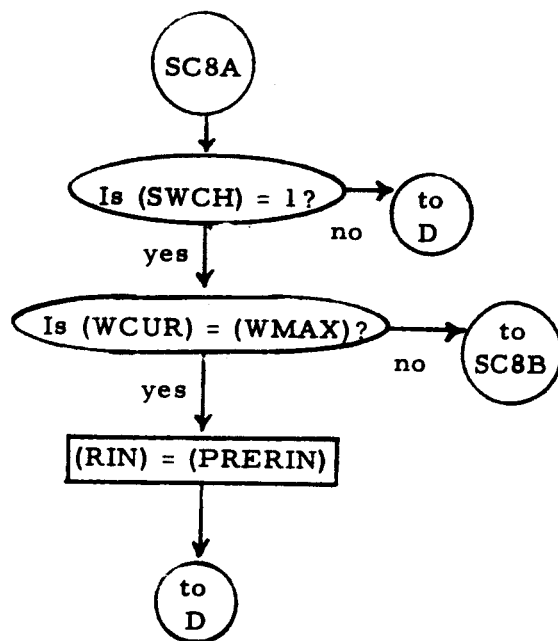


Figure 9 - Sheet 4



Have all columns for current Interval been processed for this square size?

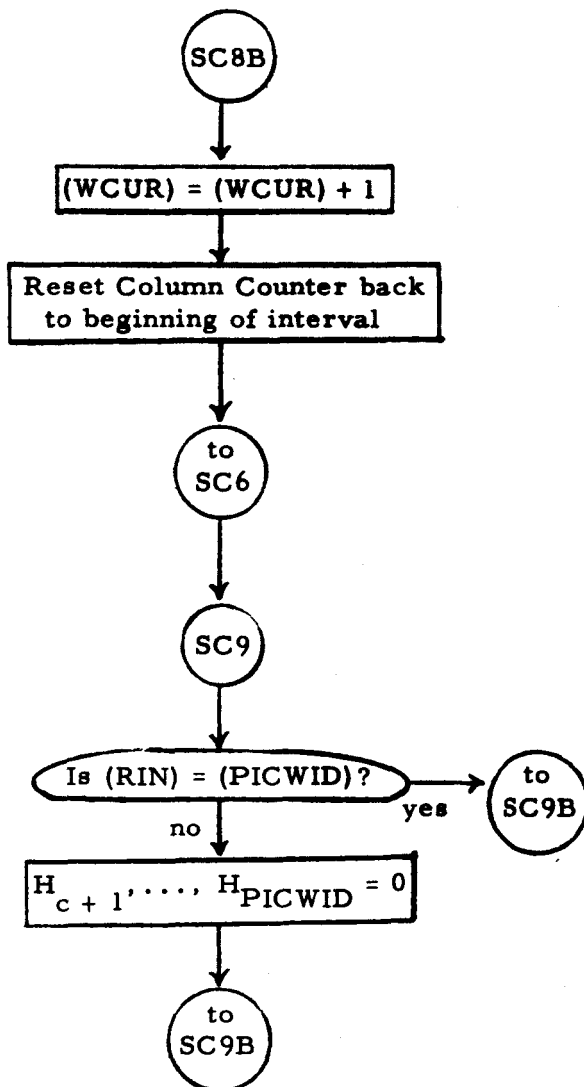
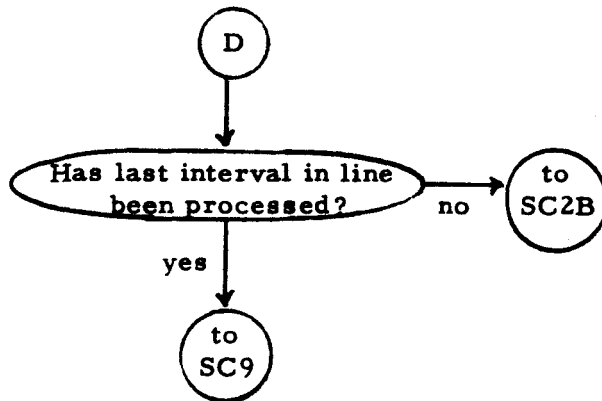


Has square of size (WCUR) been found for present interval?

Has Maximum Square Size been processed for cycle?

Set Right Side of interval = to left boundary of gap

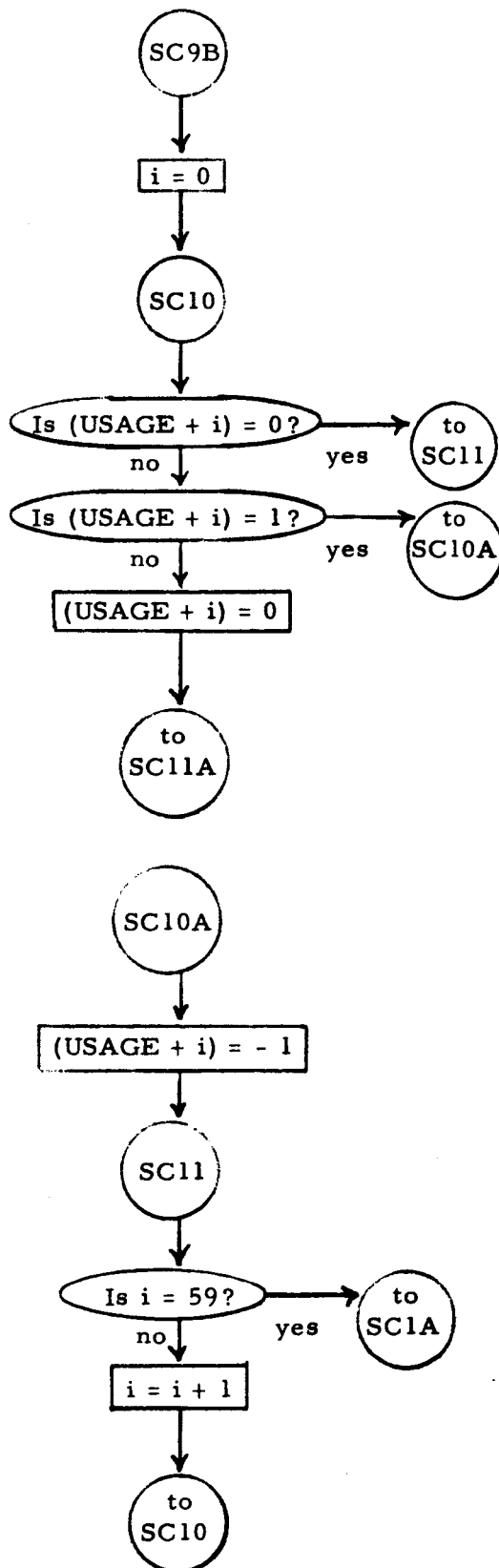
Figure 9 - Sheet 5



Increase Current Square
Size by 1

Is right endpoint of last interval
in last column of line?
(PICWID) = width of picture
Set all column heights to right
of last interval = 0

Figure 9 - Sheet 6



Set counter for testing usage indicators = 0

Is i^{th} line of Region Table empty?

Was i^{th} line of Region Table in process this line?

Set Usage Indicator of this line of Region Table = 0

Set Usage Indicator of this line of Region Table = - 1

Have all lines of Region Table been tested?

Increment counter for testing usage indicators by 1

Figure 9 - Sheet 7

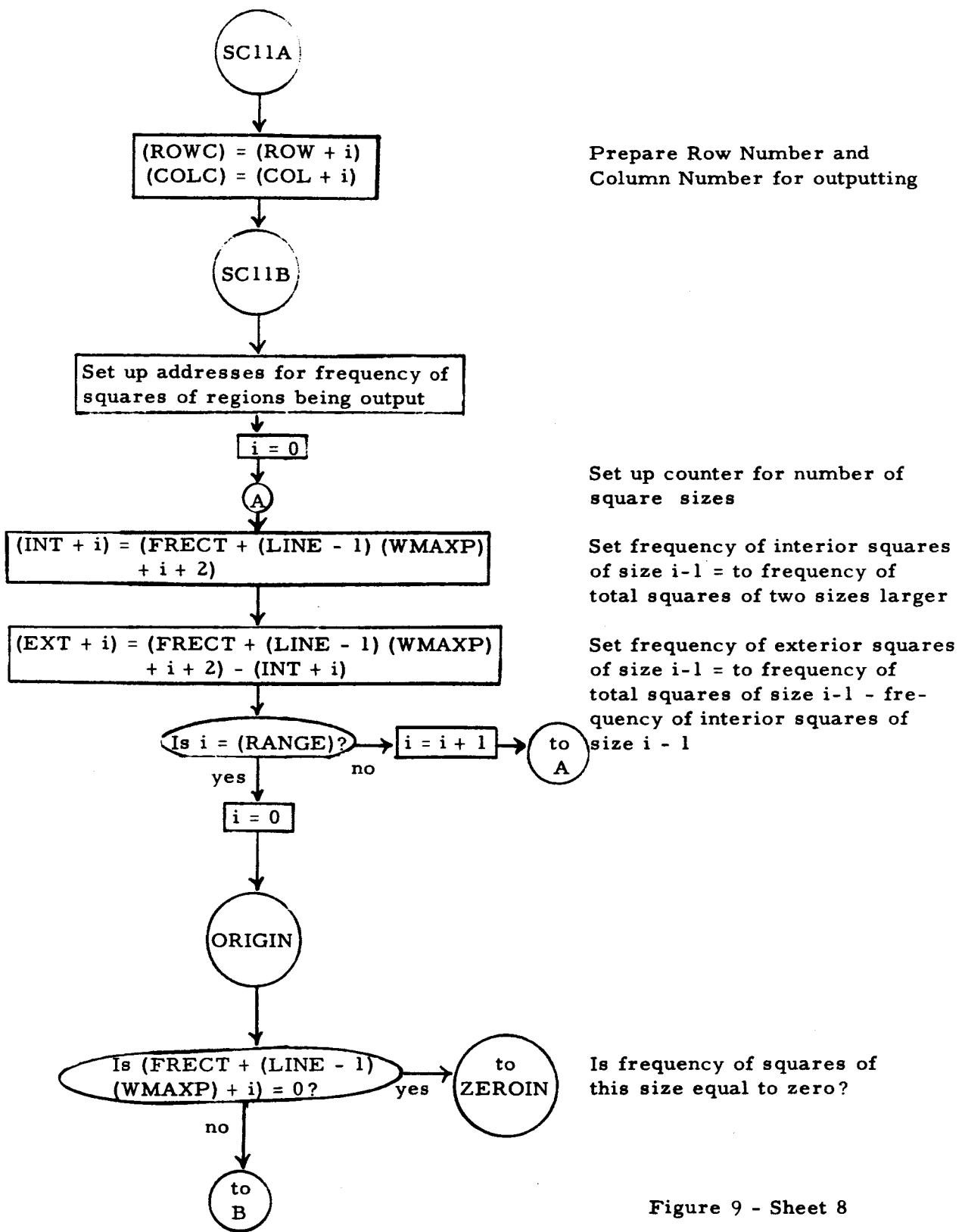
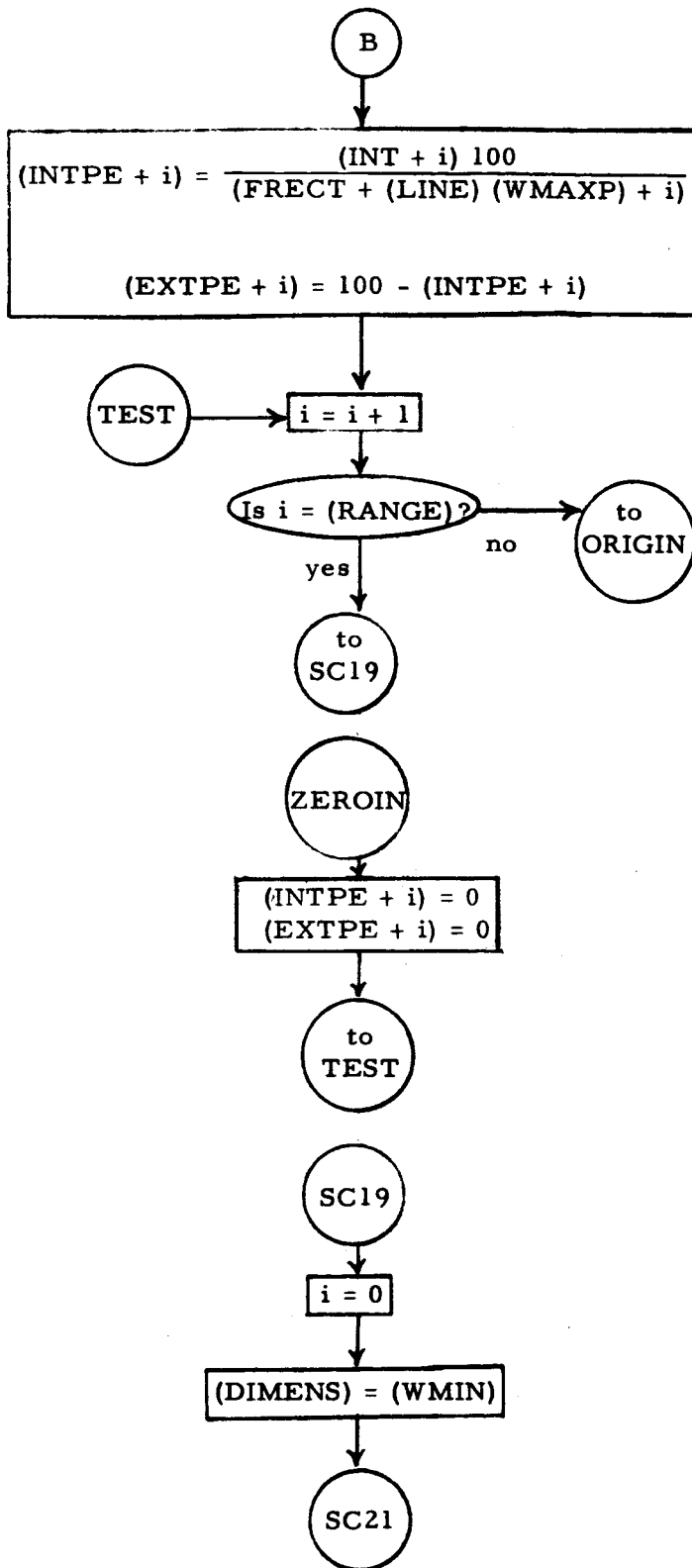


Figure 9 - Sheet 8



Compute Percentage of
Exterior and Interior Squares

Set both percentage of exterior
squares and percentage of
interior squares = 0

Set up counter for number of
square sizes

Set DIMENS equal to minimum
square size

Figure 9 - Sheet 9

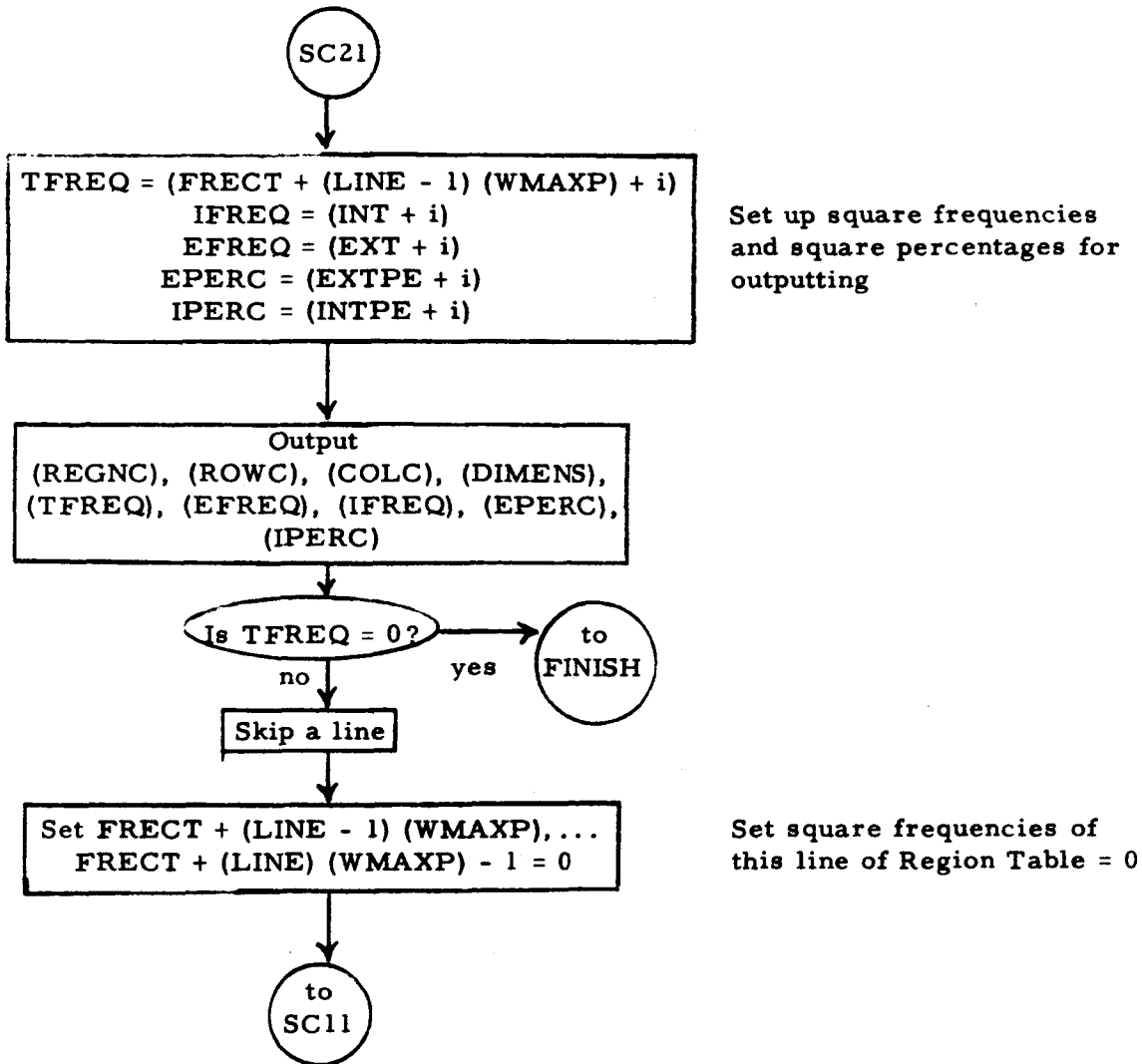
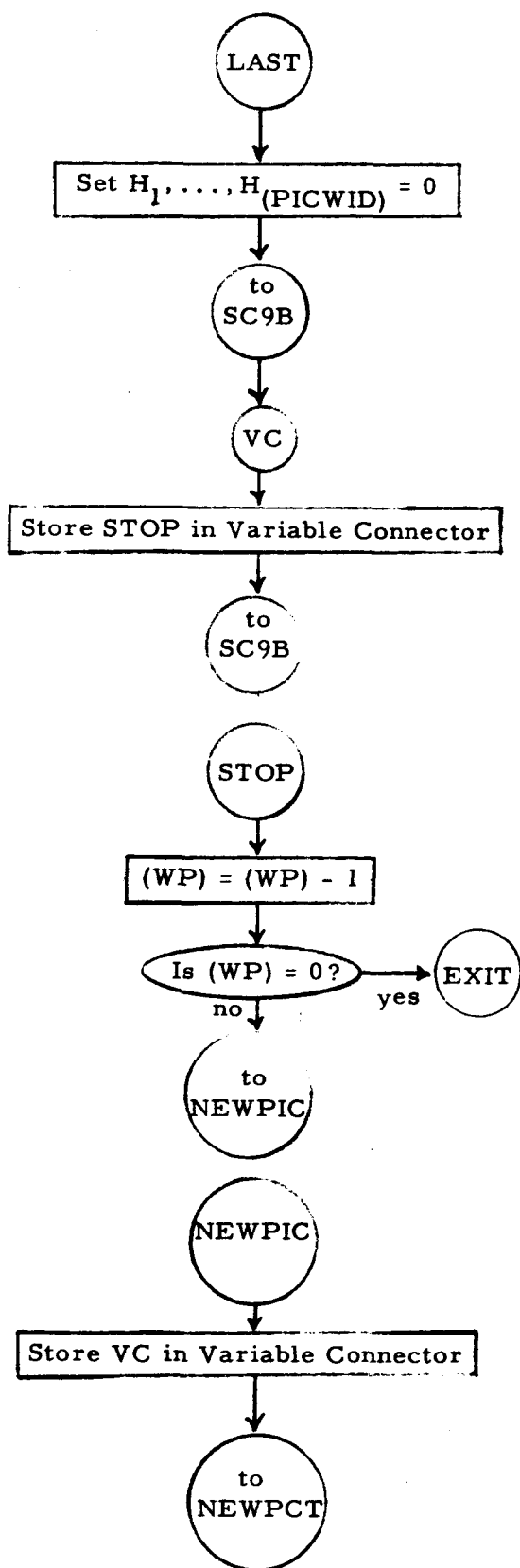


Figure 9 - Sheet 10



Set all column heights equal to zero

Figure 9 - Sheet 11

Figure 10

REST Symbolic Program Listing

		REST	REGION ENCLOSED SQUARE TABULATOR
		REGNS,1	
		REGNS,2	
		TXI	*+1,2,USAGE
		SXA	SC3BBB,2
		SXA	SCANN,2
		SXA	USE,2
		SXA	SC10A-2,2
		SXA	SC10+1,2
		SXA	SC10A-5,2
		SXA	SC10A+1,2
USE	STZ	**,1	SET USAGE INDICATOR FOR EACH LINE OF TABLE=0
	TIX	USE,1,1	
	LXA	REGNS,4	NUMBER OF REGIONS PLUS ONE INTO IR4
	LXA	REGNS,1	NUMBER OF REGIONS PLUS ONE INTO IR1
	TXI	*+1,1,REGTB	
	SXA	SC10+3,1	SET UP ADDRESS FOR OUTPUTTED REGION NUMBER
	SXA	SCAN+1,1	
	SXA	BACK,1	
BACK	STZ	**,4	SET ALL REGION NUMBERS IN TABLE EQUAL TO ZERO
	TIX	BACK,4,1	
	AXT	7200,2	
	AXT	7200,4	
	TXI	*+1,4,FRECT	
	SXA	FRETA,4	
FRETA	STZ	**,2	CLEAR ALL FREQUENCIES
	TIX	FRETA,2,1	
	LXA	PICWID,4	PICTURE WIDTH INTO IR4
	LXA	PICWID,1	PICTURE WIDTH INTO IR1
	TXI	*+1,1,COLM	
	SXA	LAST+2,1	
	SXA	COLUMN,1	
COLUMN	STZ	**,4	SET ALL COLUMN HEIGHTS EQUAL TO ZERO
	TIX	COLUMN,4,1	
SC0	CAL	=6B17	
	CALL	(STH)	HEADINGS
	PZE	FORM,0,1	
	AXT	20,1	
D4	LDQ	FHEAD+20,1	
	STR		
	TIX	D4,1,1	
	AXT	20,1	
D5	LDQ	HEAD+20,1	
	STR		
	TIX	D5,1,1	
	CALL	(FIL)	
	CLA	WMAX	MAXIMUM SQUARE SIZE TO BE CONSIDERED
	SUB	WMIN	MINIMUM SQUARE SIZE TO BE CONSIDERED
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	RANGE	NUMBER OF SQUARE SIZES
SC1	STZ	PLV	INITIALIZE PICTURE LINE COUNTER
SC1A	CLA	PLC	ANY MORE LINES OF
	SUB	PLV	PICTURE TO PROCESS.

Figure 10 - Sheet 1

VARING	TZE	VC	
	CLA	PLV	OBTAIN NEXT LINE
	ADD	ONE	PLV EQUALS PLV PLUS
	STO	PLV	ONE
	CAL	=9B17	READ IN NEXT LINE
	CALL	(TSB)	OF PICTURE
	STR		
	STQ	NUOIN	
	CLA	NUOIN	NUMBER OF INTERVALS
	TZE	SC1E	
	LXA	NUOIN,2	NUMBER OF INTERVALS INTO IR2
	LXA	NUOIN,4	NUMBER OF INTERVALS INTO IR4
	TXI	*+1,4,INTER	
	SXA	SC1C,4	
SC1B	SXA	SC1D,2	
	STR		
	STQ	INTREV	
	CLA	INTREV	
SC1C	STO	**,2	
SC1D	AXT	**,2	
	TIX	SC1B,2,1	
SC1E	CALL	(RLR)	READ IN PRESENT LINE
	CLA	NUOIN	NUMBER OF INTERVALS
	TZE	LAST	
	LXA	NUOIN,2	NUMBER OF INTERVALS INTO IR2
SC2A	LXA	NUOIN,4	NUMBER OF INTERVALS INTO IR4
	TXI	*+1,4,INTER	
	SXA	SC2D,4	
	SXA	SC3AA,4	
	SXA	SC2BB,4	
	SXA	SC2BBB,4	
	SXA	SC3,4	
	SXA	SC3AAA,4	
	SXA	INTEG,4	
	STZ	PRERIN	INITIALIZE RIGHT SIDE OF PREVIOUS INTERVAL
SC2B	CAL	MASK3	
INTEG	ANA	**,2	OBTAIN RIGHT MEMBER OF INTERVAL
	STO	RIN	
SC2BB	CAL	**,2	
	ARS	12	
SC2BBB	STO	**,2	
	CAL	MASK3	
SC2D	ANA	**,2	
	STO	LIN	LEFT SIDE OF INTERVAL
	CLA	LIN	LEFT SIDE OF INTERVAL
	SUB	PRERIN	RIGHT SIDE OF PREVIOUS INTERVAL
	SUB	ONE	
	STO	PRERIN	GAP BETWEEN INTERVALS
	LXA	PRERIN,4	INTO IR4
	LXA	LIN,1	LEFT SIDE OF INTERVAL INTO IR1
	TXI	*+1,1,COLM	
	TXI	*+1,1,-1	
	SXA	ZEROOS,1	

Figure 10 - Sheet 2

	SXD	SC3C,1	
	SXA	SC7,1	
	SXA	SC8C,1	
	CLA	LIN	LEFT SIDE OF INTERVAL
	SUB	ONE	
	TZE	SC3	
ZEROOS	STZ	**,4	SET ALL COLUMN HEIGHTS BETWEEN LAST
	TIX	ZEROOS,4,1	INTERVAL AND PRESENT INTERVAL EQUAL TO ZERO
SC3	CAL	**,2	
	ARS	12	
SC3AAA	STO	**,2	
	CAL	MASK3	
SC3AA	ANA	**,2	
	STO	REGIO	REGION NUMBER OF INTERVAL
	LXA	REGNS,1	
	TXI	*+1,1,REGTB	
	SXA	ADDRE,1	
	LXA	REGNS,4	
SCAN	CLA	REGIO	IS CURRENT INTERVAL IN
	SUB	**,4	A PREVIOUSLY PROCESSED REGION
	TZE	SC3B	
	TIX	SCAN,4,1	
	LXA	REGNS,4	
SCANN	CLA	**,4	SEARCH FOR FIRST EMPTY LINE OF REGION TABLE
	TZE	OK	
	TIX	SCANN,4,1	
OK	PXA	,4	
	STO	LINE	
	CLA	REGIO	PLACE REGION NUMBER OF
ADDRE	STO	**,4	CURRENT INTERVAL IN REGION TABLE
	LXA	REGNS,1	NUMBER OF REGIONS INTO IR1
	TXI	*+1,1,ROW	
	SXA	SC11A,1	SET UP ADDRESS FOR OUTPUTTED COLUMN NUMBER
	SXA	ADDRF,1	
	CLA	PLV	ROW NUMBER OF CURRENT LINE
ADDRF	STO	**,4	
	LXA	REGNS,1	NUMBER OF REGIONS INTO IR1
	TXI	*+1,1,COL	
	SXA	SC11B-2,1	SET UP ADDRESS FOR OUTPUTTED COLUMN NUMBER
	SXA	ADDRG,1	
	CLA	LIN	LEFT SIDE OF INTERVAL
ADDRG	STO	**,4	
SC3B	PXA	,4	
	STO	LINE	
	CLA	SIXTY1	
	SUB	LINE	
	STO	LINE	
	CLA	ONE	
SC3BBB	STO	**,4	
	CLA	RIN	RIGHT SIDE OF INTERVAL
	SUB	LIN	LEFT SIDE OF INTERVAL
	ADD	ONE	

	STO	SIZE	SIZE OF INTERVAL PLUS ONE
	LXA	SIZE,1	
SC3C	TXI	*+1,1,*+	UPDATE COLUMN COUNTER
	SXA	SIZEY,1	COUNTER
	SXA	SIZEY+2,1	
	CLA	WMAX	MAXIMUM SQUARE SIZE BEING CONSIDERED
	ADD	TWO	
	STO	WMAXP	
	LDQ	LINE	
	MPY	WMAXP	
	XCA		
	STO	ADDER	
	LXA	ADDER,1	
	TXI	*+1,1,FRECT	
	SXA	NEXT,1	
	SXA	NEXT+2,1	
	LXA	SIZE,4	
SIZEY	CLA	** ,4	ADD ONE TO COLUMN
	ADD	ONE	HEIGHTS IN THIS INTERVAL
	STO	** ,4	
	TIX	SIZEY,4,1	
SC5	CLA	WMIN	SET CURRENT WIDTH TO
	STO	WCUR	MINIMUM COUNT WIDTH
	CLA	WMAX	MAXIMUM SQUARE SIZE TO BE CONSIDERED
	SUB	WMIN	MINIMUM SQUARE SIZE TO BE CONSIDERED
	ADD	=3	
	STO	MRANGE	
	LXA	MRANGE,4	
SC6	STZ	SWCH	SET SWCH EQUAL TO ZERO
	STZ	J	SET SQUARE WIDTH COUNTER EQUAL TO ZERO
	STZ	K	SET COLUMN COUNTER FOR THIS INTERVAL =0
SC7	CLA	**	IS SQUARE HEIGHT
	SUB	WCUR	LARGE ENOUGH.
	TMI	SC7A	
	CLA	J	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	J	IS SQUARE WIDTH
	SUB	WCUR	LARGE ENOUGH.
	TMI	SC7B	
NEXT	CLA	** ,4	ADD 1 TO FREQUENCY COUNT
	ADD	ONE	OF SQUARE OF SIZE WCUR,
	STO	** ,4	REGION R.
	CLA	ONE	AT LEAST ONE SQUARE
	STO	SWCH	COUNTED THIS CYCLE.
	TRA	SC7B	
SC7A	CLA	ZERO	
	STO	J	
SC7B	CLA	K	COLUMN COUNTER FOR INTERVAL BEING PROCESSED
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	K	COLUMN COUNTER FOR INTERVAL BEING PROCESSED
SC8	CLA	K	IS IT END OF
	SUB	SIZE	CURRENT INTERVAL.

Figure 10 - Sheet 4

	TZE	SC8A	
	LXA	SC7,1	GO TO NEXT
	TXI	**+1,1,1	COLUMN FOR
	SXA	SC7,1	COUNTING
	TRA	SC7	
SC8A	CLA	SWCH	AT LEAST ONE SQUARE
	SUB	ONE	COUNTED THIS CYCLE.
	TNZ	*+2	
	TIX	SC8B,4,1	LARGEST SQUARE SIZE
	CLA	RIN	RIGHT SIDE OF INTERVAL
	STO	PRERIN	RIGHT SIDE OF PREVIOUS INTERVAL
	TIX	SC2B,2,1	ANY MORE INTERVALS THIS LINE
	TRA	SC9	
SC8B	CLA	WCUR	
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	WCUR	
SC8C	AXT	** ,1	
	SXA	SC7,1	
	TRA	SC6	
SC9	CLA	RIN	RIGHT SIDE OF INTERVAL
	ADD	ONE	
	SUB	PICWID	WIDTH OF PICTURE
	TPL	SC9B	
	CLA	PICWID	
	SUB	RIN	RIGHT SIDE OF INTERVAL
	STO	ENDING	LENGTH OF LAST GAP IN INTERVAL
	LXA	ENDING,4	LENGTH OF LAST GAP IN INTERVAL INTO IR4
	LXA	PICWID,1	PICTURE WIDTH INTO IR1
	TXI	*+1,1,COLM	
	SXA	ZERO0,1	
ZERO0	STZ	** ,4	SET ALL COLUMN HEIGHTS TO RIGHT OF INTERVAL=0
	TIX	ZERO0,4,1	EQUAL TO ZERO
SC9B	LXA	REGNS,1	
SC10	CLA	ZERO	IS THIS LINE OF
	SUB	** ,1	REGION TABLE EMPTY.
	TZE	SC11	
	CLA	** ,1	
	STO	REGNC	REGION BEING CONSIDERED
	CLA	ONE	WAS THERE AN INTERVAL IN
	SUB	** ,1	REGION R THIS CYCLE.
	TZE	SC10A	
	SXA	SAVE,1	
	STZ	** ,1	SET USAGE INDICATOR EQUAL TO ZERO
	TRA	SC11A	
SC10A	CLS	ONE	SET USAGE INDICATOR EQUAL
	STO	** ,1	TO MINUS ONE
SC11	TIX	SC10,1,1	
	TRA	SC1A	
SC11A	CLA	** ,1	ROW NUMBER OF REGION BEING OUTPUTTED
	STO	ROWC	
	CLA	** ,1	
	STO	COLC	

SC11B	PXA	,1	
	STO	LINE	
	CLA	SIXTY1	
	SUB	LINE	
	STO	LINE	
	LDQ	LINE	
	MPY	WMAXP	
	XCA		
	STO	ADDER	
	LXA	ADDER,4	
	TXI	*+1,4,FRECT	
	SXA	BEGIN,4	
	TXI	*+1,4,-2	
	SXA	SC21,4	
	SXA	ORIGIN,4	
	SXA	DIVIDE,4	
	SXA	BEGIN+2,4	
	LXA	RANGE,2	NUMBER OF SQUARE SIZES INTO IR2
BEGIN	CLA	**,2	
	STO	INT,2	FREQUENCY OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	CLA	**,2	OF INTERIOR SQUARES OF SIZE
	SUB	INT,2	FREQUENCY OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	STO	EXT,2	FREQUENCY OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
	TIX	BEGIN,2,1	
	LXA	RANGE,2	NUMBER OF SQUARE SIZES INTO IR2
ORIGIN	CLA	**,2	IS FREQUENCY OF SQUARES
	TZE	ZEROIN	EQUAL TO ZERO.
	CLA	INT,2	FREQUENCY OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	TZE	SC17	
	XCA		
	CLA	ZERO	
	MPY	TWOHUN	
DIVIDE	DVP	**,2	
	XCA		
	LRS	1	
	RND		
	STO	INTPE,2	PERCENTAGE OF INTERIOR SQUARES
TESTY	CLA	HUNDR	
	SUB	INTPE,2	PERCENTAGE OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	STO	EXTPE,2	PERCENTAGE OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
TEST	TIX	ORIGIN,2,1	
	TRA	SC19	
SC17	STZ	INTPE,2	
	TRA	TESTY	
ZEROIN	CLA	ZERO	SET INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR
	STO	INTPE,2	PERCENTAGE OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	STO	EXTPE,2	PERCENTAGE OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
	TRA	TEST	
SC19	LXA	RANGE,2	NUMBER OF SQUARE SIZES INTO IR2
	CLA	WMIN	MINIMUM SQUARE SIZE
	STO	DIMENS	SQUARE SIZE TO BE PRINTED
SC21	CLA	**,2	
	STO	TFREQ	

Figure 10 - Sheet 6

	CLA	INT,2	FREQUENCY OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	STO	IFREQ	
	CLA	EXT,2	FREQUENCY OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
	STO	EFREQ	
	CLA	EXTPE,2	PERCENTAGE OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
	STO	EPERC	
	CLA	INTPE,2	PERCENTAGE OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	STO	IPERC	
	SXA	SC20,2	
SCOTPT	CAL	=6B17	
	CALL	(STH)	
	PZE	FFORM,0,1	
FIRST	LDQ	REGNC	PRINT REGION NUMBER
	STR		
	LDQ	ROWC	PRINT ROW NUMBER OF
	STR		REGION.
	LDQ	COLC	PRINT COLUMN NUMBER OF
	STR		REGION.
	LDQ	DIMENS	PRINT SQUARE SIZE
	STR		
	LDQ	TFREQ	PRINT TOTAL NUMBER OF SQUARES
	STR		SQUARES.
	LDQ	EFREQ	PRINT NUMBER OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
	STR		SQUARES.
	LDQ	IFREQ	PRINT NUMBER OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	STR		SQUARES.
	LDQ	EPERC	PRINT PERCENTAGE OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
	STR		EXTERNAL SQUARES.
	LDQ	IPERC	PRINT PERCENTAGE OF INTERIOR SQUARES
	STR		INTERNAL SQUARES
	CALL	(FIL)	
	CLA	TFREQ	
	TZE	FINISH	
	CLA	DIMENS	SQUARE SIZE TO BE PRINTED
	ADD	ONE	
	STO	DIMENS	SQUARE SIZE TO BE PRINTED
SC20	AXT	**,2	
	TIX	SC21,2,1	HAVE ALL SQUARE SIZES BEEN OUTPUTTED
FINISH	CAL	=6B17	
	CALL	(STH)	
	PZE	FORMAT,0,1	
	LDQ	SKIPLI	
	STR		
	CALL	(FIL)	
SAVE	AXT	**,1	
	PXA	,1	
	STO	LINE	
	CLA	SIXTY1	
	SUB	LINE	
	STO	LINE	
	LDQ	LINE	
	MPY	WMAXP	

	XCA		
	STO	ADDER	
	LXA	ADDER,4	
	TXI	*+1,4,FRECT	
	SXA	CLEAR,4	
	LXA	MRANGE,4	
	CLA	ZERO	
CLEAR	STO	** ,4	
	TIX	*-2,4,1	
	TRA	SC11	
LAST	LXA	PICWID,2	PICTURE WIDTH INTO IR2
	CLA	ZERO	
	STO	** ,2	
	TIX	*-2,2,1	
	TRA	SC9B	
FORM	BCI	5,(20A6/20A6///)	
FHEAD	BCI	5,1	
	BCI	5,	
	BCI	5, SQUARE FREQUENCIES	
	BCI	5, SQUARE PERCENTAGES	
HEAD	BCI	5, REGION NUMBER ROW COLUMN	
	BCI	5, SQUARE SIDE LENGTH	
	BCI	5, TOTAL EXTERIOR INTERIOR	
	BCI	5, EXTERIOR INTERIOR	
FFORM	BCI	9,(1J13,1J6,1J7,1J22,1J17,1J9,1J9,1J15,1J9/)	
FORMAT	BCI	1,(1A6/)	
SKIPLI	BCI	1,	
USAGE	BSS	60	
RIN	BSS	1	
LIN	BSS	1	
INTREV	BSS	1	
NUOIN	BSS	1	
REGIO	BSS	1	
COLM	BSS	200	
SWCH	BSS	1	
J	BSS	1	
PRERIN	BSS	1	
WCUR	BSS	1	
ROWC	BSS	1	
COLC	BSS	1	
REGNC	BSS	1	
FRECT	BSS	7200	
K	BSS	1	
SIZE	BSS	1	
INT	BES	120	NUMBER OF INTERIOR SQUARES
EXT	BES	120	NUMBER OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
INTPE	BES	120	PERCENTAGE OF INTERIOR SQUARES
EXTPE	BES	120	PERCENTAGE OF EXTERIOR SQUARES
ROW	BSS	60	
COL	BSS	60	
PLV	BSS	1	

Figure 10 - Sheet 8

INTER	BSS	60	
REGTD	BSS	60	
ADDER	BSS	1	
ZERO	DEC	0	
ONE	DEC	1	
TWO	DEC	2	
RANGE	BSS	1	NUMBER OF SQUARE SIZES
WMIN	DEC	2	
PLC	DEC	4125	NUMBER OF LINES
MASK1	OCT	777700000000	
MASK2	OCT	000077770000	
MASK3	OCT	000000007777	
CSTOP	PZE	STOP	
CVC	PZE	VC	
WMAX	DEC	120	MAXIMUM SQUARE SIZE TO BE CONSIDERED
REGNS	DEC	60	
ENDING	BSS	1	LENGTH OF LAST GAP IN INTERVAL
PICWID	DEC	120	WIDTH OF PICTURE
HUNDR	DEC	100	
TWOHUN	DEC	200	
MRANGE	BSS	1	
DIMENS	BSS	1	
TFREQ	BSS	1	
IFREQ	BSS	1	
EFREQ	BSS	1	
IPERC	BSS	1	
EPERC	BSS	1	
WTMAX	DEC	120	
WP	DEC	1	NUMBER OF PICTURES
LINE	BSS	1	
WMAXP	BSS	1	
SIXTY1	DEC	61	
VC	CLA	CSTOP	
	STA	VARING	
	TRA	SC9B	
NEWPIC	CLA	CVC	
	STA	VARING	
	TRA	NEWPCT	
STOP	CLA	WP	NUMBER OF PICTURES
	SUB	ONE	
	STO	WP	NUMBER OF PICTURES
	TNZ	NEWPIC	

4. Application to TIROS pictures and nephanalyses

The RAMP and REST programs have been applied to two types of pictorial material:

- (a) A set of digitized TIROS cloud cover pictures
- (b) A set of outline-map nephanalyses made from TIROS pictures

4.1 TIROS pictures

Arking (1964) and others have demonstrated the possibility of discriminating cloud from noncloud on TIROS pictures with fair reliability by using an appropriate brightness threshold. He has used this approach in a study of percentage cloud cover as a function of season and geographic location. If RAMP is applied to TIROS pictures, a further analysis of the cloud cover becomes possible in terms of numbers and areas of large connected cloud masses (overcast) as well as total area and "piece size spectrum" of broken cloud cover. Application of REST then provides information about the shapes of the connected cloud masses.

For direct cloud picture input to RAMP a magnetic tape was used containing digitized versions of ten pictures transmitted by TIROS V. Figure 1 is a reproduction of a high-speed chemical printer output of the first picture of this sequence. (The cooperation of Dr. Albert Arking of the NASA Institute for Space Studies, New York, in making this tape available is gratefully acknowledged.)

The format of this tape is as follows. The first record is an identifying Control Record in FORTRAN binary format containing the following words of information:

- (1) FORTRAN control word
- (2) Output tape reel number
- (3) TIROS number
- (4) Integer 1
- (5) Number of frames this sequence
- (6) R/O pass number
- (7) Sequence number
- (8) Same as (5)

The next record is a Sequence-Data Record in FORTRAN binary format containing the following words of information:

- (1) FORTRAN control word
- (2) TIROS number
- (3) R.O. number
- (4) Mode
- (5) Camera
- (6) Sequence position
- (7) Number of sequences
- (8) and (9) Date
- (10) Number of days
- (11), (12), and (13) Time

- (14) Number of frames
- (15) Usable frames
- (16) ID scheme
- (17) and (18) Latitude and longitude
- (19) Height
- (20) Right ascension
- (21) Declination
- (22), (23), (24) P.P. longitude, latitude and elevation
- (25) Elevation of sub-satellite point
- (26) Nadir angle
- (27) P.S. angle
- (28) Ersatz
- (29) Roll angle
- (30) Time (minutes)
- (31) ID number
- (32) Frame number

Following the Sequence-Data Record are twenty-four 10-line Gray Level Records in non-FORTRAN binary format. Picture elements are packed six per computer word, six bits per element. Brightness levels range from 63 (the brightest) to 0 (the darkest). Each of these records is 390 words in length. The picture thus consists of 240 lines of 234 elements each.*

*This is a 1/4 area scale reduction of the data tape format of 480 lines of 468 elements each, as transmitted directly from the TIROS satellite.

Following this is an eight-word End-of-Line Record marking the end of the first frame. Each of the other nine frames on the tape similarly contains a Sequence-Data Record, 24 Gray Level Records, and an End-of-Line Record.

Only one format change was necessary for input of these pictures to RAMP: the 10-line Gray Level Records were broken up into ten records of one line (234 picture elements) each.

RAMP outputs at eight different brightness threshold levels for the TIROS picture of Figure 1 are shown as the left-hand pictures in Figure 11. Element digital values range from 0 (darkest) to 63 (brightest). The thresholds used were 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, and 36. In each example, elements which are brighter (greater in digital value) than the threshold are printed out; elements darker than threshold are left blank. The right-hand pictures in Figure 11 show the same set of pictures "reversed." Elements whose digital values are less than or equal to the brightness threshold are printed out, while elements exceeding the threshold are left blank. The same set of thresholds was used. An advantage of the reversal is that the bright clouds now correctly appear on the printout as white patches against a dark printed background, so that the printout now resembles a "positive" picture.

4.2 Nephanalyses

The application of RAMP and REST to cloud cover maps, or nephanalyses, provides information about the sizes and shapes of the regions which contain single types of cloud cover as defined by the maps.

Figure 11

RAMP Output for a Typical Cloud Picture
at Various Threshold Levels

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age is expected to increase by 1.5 billion, from 1.1 billion in 1990 to 2.6 billion in 2010. The number of people aged 65 and over is expected to increase by 1.1 billion, from 350 million in 1990 to 1.4 billion in 2010. The number of people aged 15-64 is expected to increase by 1.5 billion, from 2.5 billion in 1990 to 4.0 billion in 2010. The number of people aged 65 and over is expected to increase by 1.1 billion, from 350 million in 1990 to 1.4 billion in 2010. The number of people aged 15-64 is expected to increase by 1.5 billion, from 2.5 billion in 1990 to 4.0 billion in 2010.

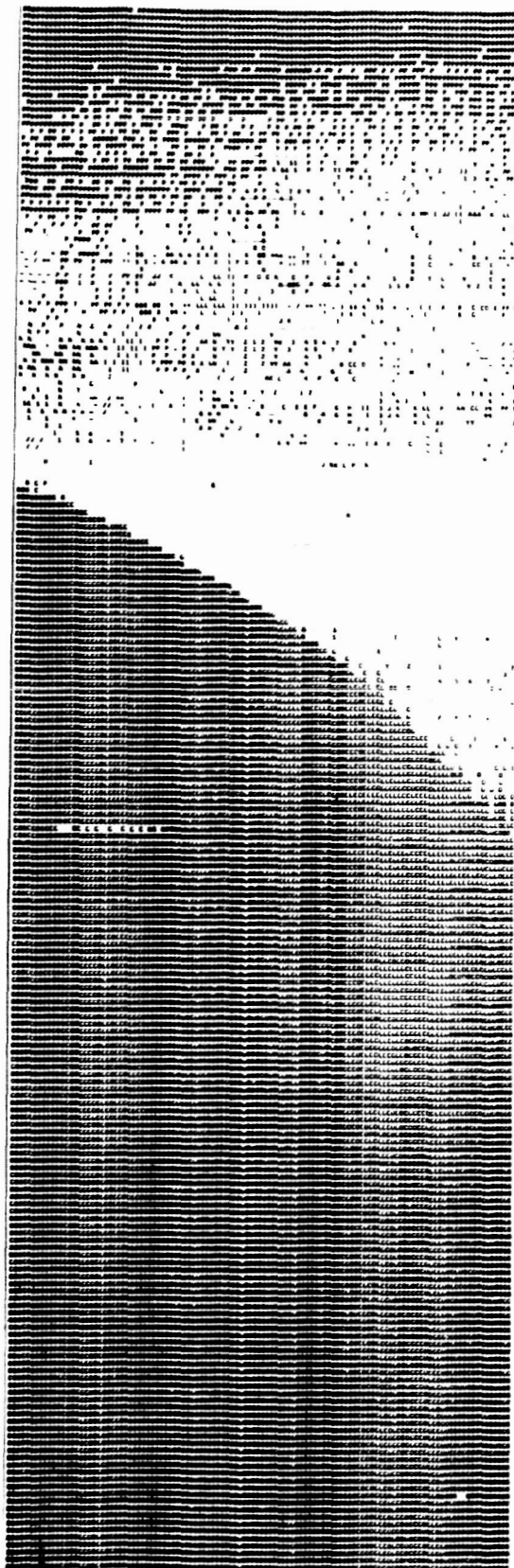


FIGURE II SHEET 2

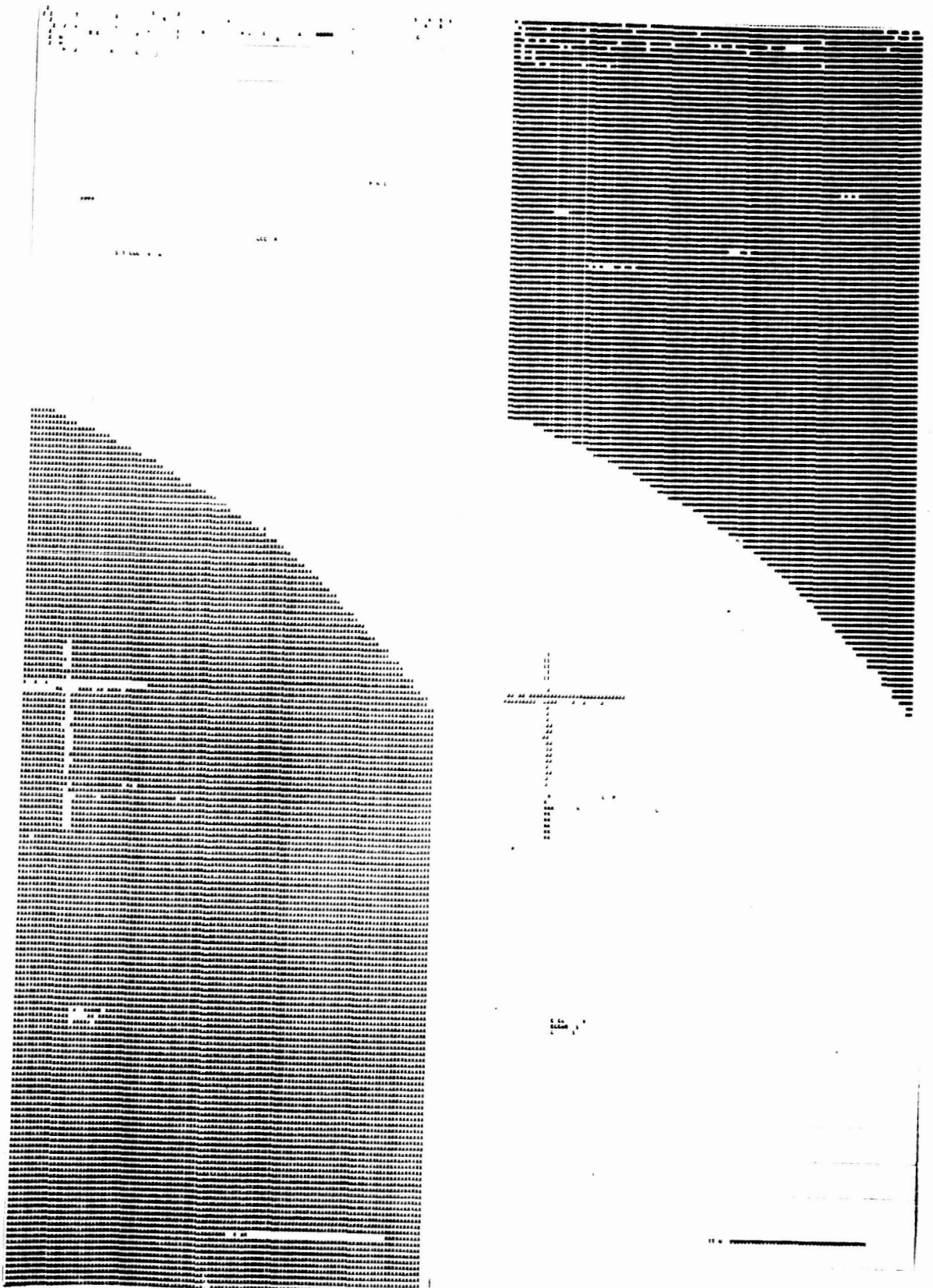


FIGURE 11 SHEET 3

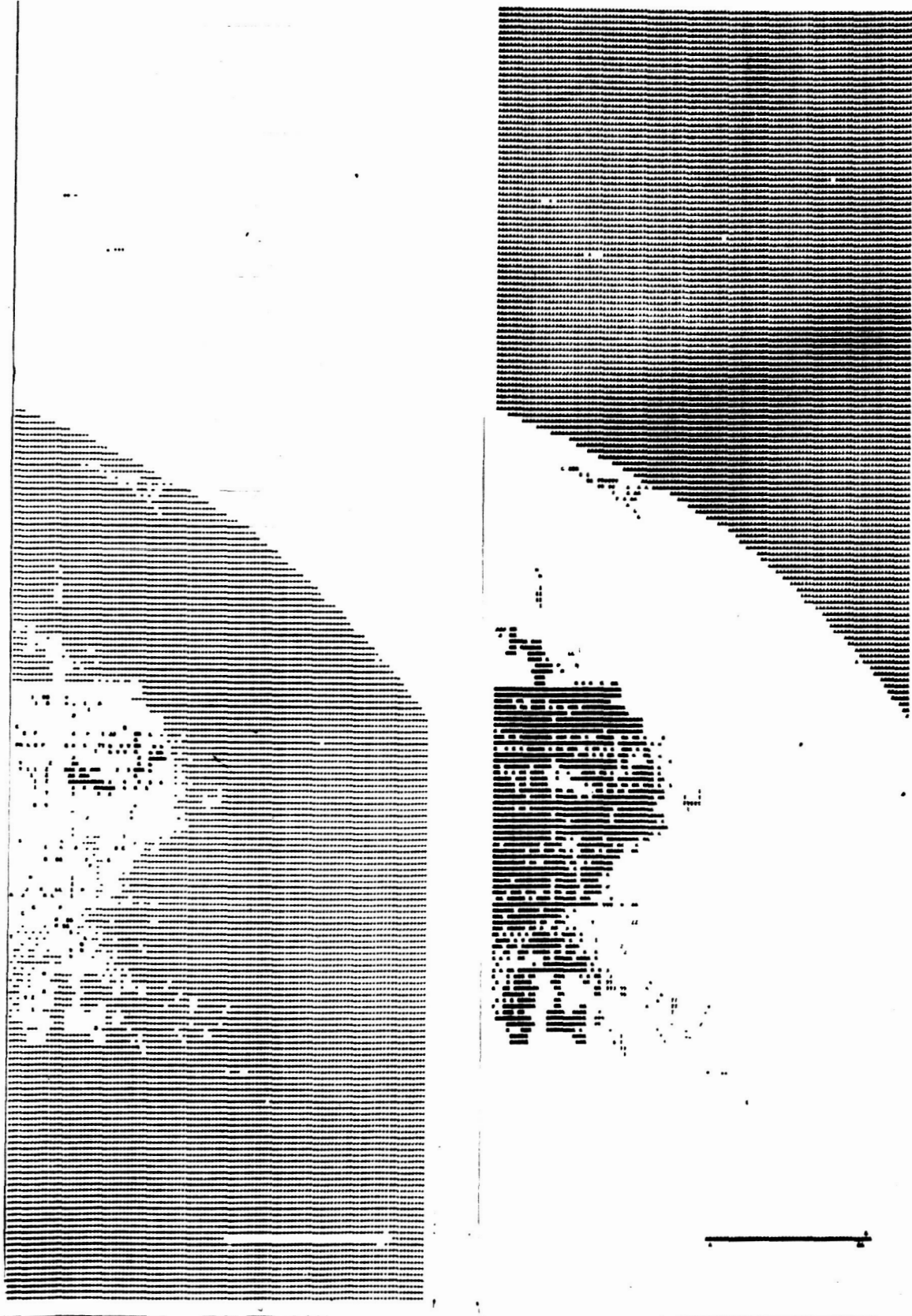


FIGURE II SHEET 4

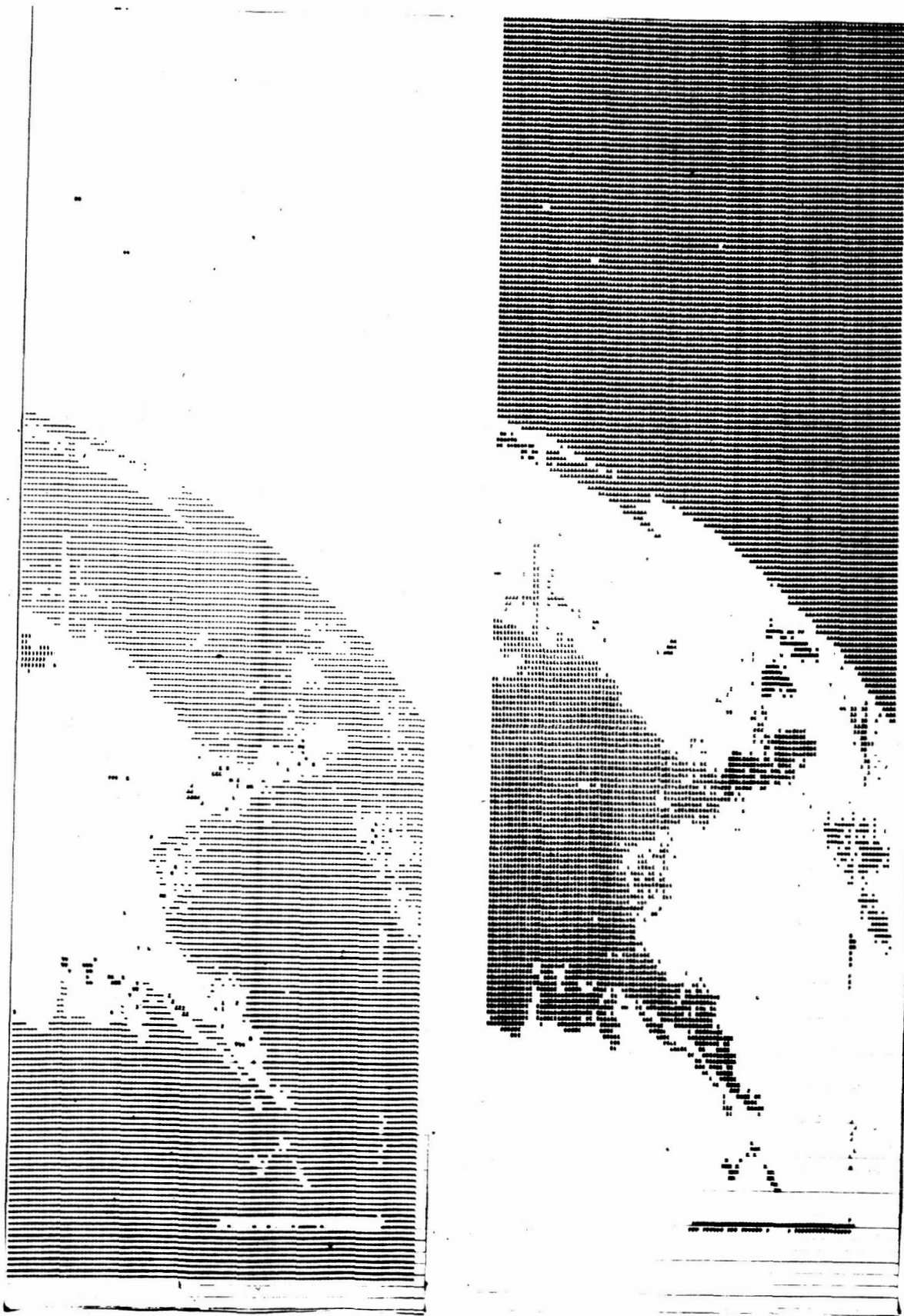


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FIGURE 11 SHEET 8

Besides this climatological map analysis application, RAMP and REST have also been used to establish basic parameters for a proposed approach to automatic cloud cover mapping directly from TIROS pictures. This approach involves the analysis of a set of square neighborhoods on a picture and the identification of the cloud cover contained in these neighborhoods. Clearly, the cloud cover regions identified by such a process cannot be smaller than the square neighborhoods which are analyzed. Conversely, a study of the sizes of squares which will fit into the regions on a cloud cover map provides an upper bound to the neighborhood sizes which can be used if a given proportion of the regions on an average map are to be identified.

The typical maps of Figure 2 were scanned as described in Section 2.2 (Figure 2 illustrates the possibility of putting many pictures on a single digital tape. An upper bound to the number of such pictures is imposed by the requirement that the map lines be wide enough to remain free of gaps after digitizing.) RAMP outputs for two of these maps were shown as Figures 3 and 7; the REST output for one of them, as Figure 8.

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